

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From J. WHEATLEY

DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Subject GRADUATE COURSE PROPOSAL -
ARCHAEOLOGY 883-5

Date NOVEMBER 22, 1972

MOTION: "That Senate approve, as set forth in S.73-4 ,
the new graduate course proposal, Archaeology
883-5."

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To: Members of Senate From: Office of the Dean of
Graduate Studies

Subject: Graduate Course Date: November 22, 1972
Proposal

MOTION: "That the new course - Arch 883-5 be approved
by Senate."

This course was approved by the Executive Committee of
the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, on November
20, 1972.

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Jon Wheatley
Dean of Graduate Studies

New Graduate Course Proposal Form

F. 72-15

EBS-501

CALENDAR INFORMATION:

Department: Archaeology Course Number: 883-5

Title: Mesoamerican Prehistory

Description: Examination of the prehistoric processes leading to civilisation and the relationship of this core area to other New World cultures.

Credit hours: 5 Vector: _____ Prerequisite(s) if any: _____

ENROLLMENT AND SCHEDULING:

Estimated Enrollment: 10 When will the course first be offered: 73-

How often will the course be offered: Every other year

JUSTIFICATION:

The analysis of most New World prehistoric cultures must include the influences direct or indirect originating in Mesoamerica. The scope of Mesoamerican prehistory is sufficiently broad to require a semester course and cannot be adequately covered as part of some other course.

RESOURCES:

Which Faculty member will normally teach the course: Dr. H. L. Alexander

What are the budgetary implications of mounting the course: No change

Are there sufficient Library resources (append details): Yes. The pertinent journals are being added to the basic literature now in the Library.

- Appended: a) Outline of the Course
- b) An indication of the competence of the Faculty member to give the course.
- c) Library resources

Approved: Departmental Graduate Studies Committee: R. L. Carlson Date: Oct. 3, 1972

Faculty Graduate Studies Committee: [Signature] Date: Oct. 12/72

Faculty: [Signature] Date: _____

Senate Graduate Studies Committee: Jon Whalley Date: Nov 28, 1972

Appendix a) Outline of the Course - Arc. 883-5

Students are required to:

- 1) organise a working bibliography on one aspect of Mesoamerican prehistory
- 2) present an oral problem oriented paper. Copies are to be distributed to class members one week before presentation
- 3) the final typed paper will incorporate the pertinent elements brought forward in discussion of the oral presentation.

Lecture topics:

- a) overview of Mesoamerican prehistory and outside relationships
- b) the rise to civilisation
- c) the Olmec problem - influences in Mississippian and Andean areas
- d) Teotihuacan, Monte Alban and Kaminaljuyu
- e) the Mayan ascendancy
- f) Toltec and its spread to outlying areas
- g) the late cultures
- h) relationships - north and south
- i) the Antilles

Appendix b) An indication of the competence of the Faculty member to give the course

Dr. Alexander has taken graduate courses on Mesoamerican prehistory and related fields from M. D. Coe, G. C. E. Engerrand, J. Epstein, W. Jimenez-Moreno, C. Osgood, D. T. Wallace.

Graduate and undergraduate courses on Mesoamerica taught at Bryn Mawr College. Graduate reading course at SFU.

Field work in Mexico D. F. under the direction of W. Mayer-Oakes.

Cressman Prize received at the University of Oregon for paper on Toltec prehistory.