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**MEMORANDUM**

**ATTENTION** Senate  
**FROM** Wade Parkhouse, Dean of Graduate Studies  
**RE:** Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

**DATE** 10 November 2012  
**No.** GS2012.36

**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of 5 November, 2012, SGSC approved the following curriculum revision:

**Effective Date is Summer 2013**

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

[GS2012.36]

- a) Department of History
  - 1. New courses:
    - HIST 860-6 Comprehensive Field 1
    - HIST 861-6 Comprehensive Field 2
    - HIST 862-6 Comprehensive Field 3
  
- b) School for International Studies
  - 1. Program Changes:
    - i) Create a Latin American stream (LASMA) within the Master of International Studies (MAIS)
    - ii) Addition of Thesis Option
  
  - 2. New courses:
    - IS 880-6 MA Extended Essays
    - IS 886-2 Thesis Prospectus
    - IS 898-8 MA Thesis

Senators wishing to consult a more detailed report of curriculum revisions may do so by going to DocuShare: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-12682>

If you are unable to access the information, please call [778-782-3168](tel:778-782-3168) or email [shelley\\_gair@sfu.ca](mailto:shelley_gair@sfu.ca).



**GS2012.36**

FACULTY OF  
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MEMO

ATTENTION: Wade Parkhouse, dean of Graduate Studies

FROM: Paul Budra, Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Science Chair,  
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee

RE: FASSGSC Proposals

DATE: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

FASSGSC met on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and passed the attaché motions. Would you please place them on the agenda for the next SGSC meeting?

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'P' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end.



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
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Dr. Hilmar M. Pabel  
Graduate Program Chair  
778-782-5816  
pabel@sfu.ca

Tuesday, 24 July 2012

Dr. Paul Budra  
Associate Dean  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Dear Dr. Budra,

At its meeting on 19 July 2012 the Department of History approved the creation of three new graduate courses in History: Comprehensive Field 1, Comprehensive Field 2, Comprehensive Field 3. Please see the three accompanying New Graduate Course Proposal Forms for specific details.

In the name of the Department of History, I ask for the approval of these proposed courses from the Graduate Studies Committee of FASS.

Many thanks for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilmar M. Pabel', written in a cursive style.



# New Graduate Course Proposal Form

## PROPOSED COURSE

Program (eg. MAPH) HIST	Number (eg. 810) 860	Units (eg. 4) 6
Course Title (max 80 characters) Comprehensive Field 1		
Short Title (appears on transcripts, max 25 characters) Comprehensive Field 1		
Course Description for SFU Calendar <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Learning outcomes identified A requirement for all PhD students, this course is based on a reading list of the equivalent of 40 to 45 books agreed upon by the student and faculty field supervisor in the first semester of study. Students cover the material on these lists through a structured reading program in order to demonstrate scholarly proficiency in a specific field of historical inquiry determined by the student and the student's supervisory committee. The assessment of scholarly proficiency takes the form of a written and oral examination to be scheduled in the fourth semester of study.		
Available Course Components: <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structured Reading _____		
Grading Basis <input type="checkbox"/> Letter grades <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Progress/Complete		This is a capstone course <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Prerequisites (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document (if more space is required)		
<input type="checkbox"/> This proposed course is combined with an undergrad course: Course number and units: _____		
Additional course requirements for graduate students <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if this space is insufficient)		
Campus at which course will be offered (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burnaby <input type="checkbox"/> Vancouver <input type="checkbox"/> Surrey <input type="checkbox"/> GNW <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
Estimated enrolment all PhD students	Date of initial offering September 2014	Course delivery (eg. 3 hrs/week for 13 weeks) 4 semesters
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Practicum work done in this class will involve children or vulnerable adults (If the "Yes" box is checked, all students will require criminal record checks)		
Justification <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if more space is required)  to recognize on their transcripts a long-established requirement of PhD students.		

## RESOURCES

If additional resources are required to offer this course, the department proposing the course should be prepared to provide information on the source(s) of those additional resources.

Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course <input type="checkbox"/> information about their competency to teach the course is appended any full-time faculty member with expertise to serve as a field supervisor
Number of additional faculty members required in order to offer this course none
Additional space required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document n/a
Additional specialized equipment required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document n/a
Additional Library resources required (append details) <input type="checkbox"/> Annually \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> One-time \$ _____ n/a

**PROPOSED COURSE** from first page

Program (eg. ••••) HIST	Number (eg. 810) 860	Units (eg. 4) 6
Course title (max 80 characters) Comprehensive Field 1		

**APPROVAL SIGNATURES**

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The new course proposal must also be sent to the Library for a report on library resources.

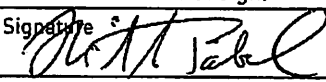
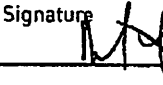
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**Other Faculties**

The signature(s) below indicate that the Dean(s) or designate of other Faculties affected by the proposed new course support(s) the approval of the new course.


Name of Faculty	Signature of Dean or Designate	Date

**Departmental Approval** (non-departmentalized faculties need not sign)

Department Graduate Program Committee Hilmar M. Pabel	Signature 	Date 19 July 2012
Department Chair Mark Leier	Signature 	Date 23 July 2012

**Faculty Approval**

Faculty approval indicates that all the necessary course content and overlap concerns have been resolved, and that the Faculty/Department commits to providing the required Library funds and any other necessary resources.

Faculty Graduate Program Committee	Signature 	Date Sept 10/12
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**Senate Graduate Studies Committee Approval**

SGSC approval indicates that the Library report has been seen, and all resource issues dealt with. Once approved, new course proposals are sent to Senate for information.

Senate Graduate Studies Committee W. Panchasi	Signature 	Date Nov 15/12
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**CONTACT**

Upon approval of the course, the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies will consult with the department or school regarding other course attributes that may be required to enable the proper entry of the new course in the student record system.

Department / School / Program History	Contact name Roxanne Panchasi	Contact email panchasi@sfu.ca
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# New Graduate Course Proposal Form

## PROPOSED COURSE

Program (eg. MAPH) HIST	Number (eg. 810) 861	Units (eg. 4) 6
Course Title (max 80 characters) Comprehensive Field 2		
Short Title (appears on transcripts, max 25 characters) Comprehensive Field 2		
Course Description for SFU Calendar <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Learning outcomes identified A requirement for all PhD students, this course is based on a reading list of the equivalent of 40 to 45 books agreed upon by the student and faculty field supervisor in the first semester of study. Students cover the material on these lists through a structured reading program in order to demonstrate scholarly proficiency in a specific field of historical inquiry determined by the student and the student's supervisory committee. The assessment of scholarly proficiency takes the form of a written and oral examination to be scheduled in the fourth semester of study.		
Available Course Components: <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structured Reading		
Grading Basis <input type="checkbox"/> Letter grades <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Progress/Complete		This is a capstone course <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Prerequisites (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document (if more space is required)		
<input type="checkbox"/> This proposed course is combined with an undergrad course: Course number and units: _____		
Additional course requirements for graduate students <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if this space is insufficient)		
Campus at which course will be offered (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burnaby <input type="checkbox"/> Vancouver <input type="checkbox"/> Surrey <input type="checkbox"/> GNW <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
Estimated enrolment all PhD students	Date of initial offering September 2014	Course delivery (eg. 3 hrs/week for 13 weeks) 4 semesters
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Practicum work done in this class will involve children or vulnerable adults (If the "Yes" box is checked, all students will require criminal record checks)		
Justification <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if more space is required)  to recognize on their transcripts a long-established requirement of PhD students.		

## RESOURCES

If additional resources are required to offer this course, the department proposing the course should be prepared to provide information on the source(s) of those additional resources.

Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course <input type="checkbox"/> information about their competency to teach the course is appended any full-time faculty member with expertise to serve as a field supervisor
Number of additional faculty members required in order to offer this course none
Additional space required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document n/a
Additional specialized equipment required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document n/a
Additional Library resources required (append details) <input type="checkbox"/> Annually \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> One-time \$ _____ n/a

**PROPOSED COURSE** from first page

Program (eg. • • • • ) HIST	Number (eg. 810) 861	Units (eg. 4) 6
Course title (max 80 characters) Comprehensive Field 2		

**APPROVAL SIGNATURES**

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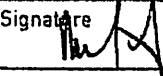
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**Departmental Approval** (non-departmentalized faculties need not sign)

Department Graduate Program Committee Hilmar M. Pabel	Signature 	Date 19 July 2012
Department Chair Mark Leier	Signature 	Date 23 July 2012

**Faculty Approval**

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Faculty Graduate Program Committee	Signature 	Date SEP 14 2012
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**Senate Graduate Studies Committee Approval**

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Senate Graduate Studies Committee W. Parkhouse	Signature 	Date Nov 15/12
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**CONTACT**

Upon approval of the course, the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies will consult with the department or school regarding other course attributes that may be required to enable the proper entry of the new course in the student record system.

Department / School / Program History	Contact name Roxanne Panchasi	Contact email panchasi@sfu.ca
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# New Graduate Course Proposal Form

## PROPOSED COURSE

Program (eg. MAPH) HIST	Number (eg. 810) 862	Units (eg. 4) 6
Course Title (max 80 characters) Comprehensive Field 3		
Short Title (appears on transcripts, max 25 characters) Comprehensive Field 3		
Course Description for SFU Calendar <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document <input type="checkbox"/> Learning outcomes identified A requirement for all PhD students, this course is based on a reading list of the equivalent of 40 to 45 books agreed upon by the student and faculty field supervisor in the first semester of study. Students cover the material on these lists through a structured reading program in order to demonstrate scholarly proficiency in a specific field of historical inquiry determined by the student and the student's supervisory committee. The assessment of scholarly proficiency takes the form of a written and oral examination to be scheduled in the fourth semester of study.		
Available Course Components: <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Structured Reading		
Grading Basis <input type="checkbox"/> Letter grades <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Progress/Complete		This is a capstone course <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Prerequisites (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document (if more space is required)		
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Program [eg. ....] HIST	Number [eg. 810] 862	Units [eg. 4] 6
Course title [max 80 characters] Comprehensive Field 3		

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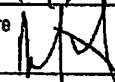
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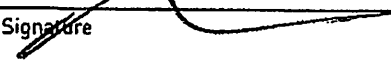
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**Departmental Approval (non-departmentalized faculties need not sign)**

Department Graduate Program Committee Hilmar M Pabel	Signature 	Date 19 July 2012
Department Chair Mark Leier	Signature 	Date 21 July 2012

**Faculty Approval**

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Faculty Graduate Program Committee	Signature 	Date SEP 14 2012
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Senate Graduate Studies Committee W Parkhouse	Signature 	Date Nov 15/12
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**CONTACT**

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Department / School / Program History	Contact name Roxanne Panchasi	Contact email panchasi@sfu.ca
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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
School for International Studies  
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
M E M O R A N D U M

To: Paul Budra, Chair, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Graduate Curriculum Committee

From: John Harriss, Director, School for International Studies

Subject: Curriculum changes

Date: August 15, 2012

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At its meeting of June 18, 2012, the School for International Studies approved the attached changes.

1. We would like to propose curriculum changes to the MA in International Studies program. Details are outlined in the attached memo.
2. We would like to offer the following new courses:

**IS 880-6 MA Extended Essays**

Rationale: To distinguish between students in the extended essays track (IS 880) versus the thesis track (IS 889).

**IS 886-2 Thesis Prospectus**

Rationale: To guide students in the thesis writing process.

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**IS ~~889~~-8 MA Thesis**

Rationale: To distinguish between students in the extended essays track (IS 880) versus the thesis track (IS ~~889~~).

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3. We would like to dissolve the MA in International Leadership program.

Would you please place this proposal on the agenda of the next meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee.

John Harriss, Director  
School for International Studies  
[jharriss@sfu.ca](mailto:jharriss@sfu.ca)

TO: Paul Budra, Chair, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee

FROM: John Harriss, Director, School for International Studies

SUBJECT: Major Program Change – MA in International Studies

DATE: June 18, 2012

### A. Proposed program changes

A recent review of the MA program in the School for International Studies by its faculty members, having regard to the program's relationship with the Latin American Studies program and to changes in the composition of the School's faculty has resulted in the following proposals. We would like to proceed with the following:

1. Integrating the LASMA within the MAIS by making LAS a stream within the MAIS program. This stream requires proof of reading and speaking competence in Spanish or Portuguese.
2. Providing two options for completion: (a) the extended essays track or (b) the thesis track. This will require the deletion of the project track. Students in the extended essays track will complete six courses plus the extended essays course (IS 880). Students in the thesis track will complete five courses, the thesis prospectus course (IS 886) and the thesis course (IS 889).
3. Adding a new course: IS 880-6 MA Extended Essays.
4. Adding a new course: IS 886-2 Thesis Prospectus.
5. Adding a new course: IS ~~889~~-8 MA Thesis.

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### B. How the changes will affect the existing program

There are no changes in regards to prerequisites and the proposed changes will not have an impact on students already enrolled in the program.

### C. Justification for the changes

1. To preserve many of the critical features of the LASMA program while enhancing both the LASMA and MAIS programs. The two core courses in the LASMA have already been cross-listed with IS (LAS 815/IS 815-4 Theories of Latin American Development & LAS 835/IS 835-4 Social and Political Change in Latin America).
2. The extended essays track will be oriented towards students who are interested in working professionally in the fields of international development, governance and conflict and/or Latin American Studies. Students pursuing this track will have the option of writing a policy briefing (or policy briefings), a review essay (or review essays), or some other type of writing focused on synthesis and analysis, rather than original research. The thesis track will be oriented towards students who are interested in pursuing further academic studies beyond the masters level and/or who are interested in pursuing original research.
3. To distinguish between students in the extended essays track (IS 880) versus the thesis track (IS ~~889~~).

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- 4. To guide students in the thesis writing process.

**D. Calendar language changes**

*FROM:*

**International Studies Master of Arts Program**

*School for International Studies | Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University Calendar 2012 2013 Fall ✓*

This full-time 12 month program, leading to a ~~master-of-arts~~ Master of Arts (MA) in international studies International Studies, consists of seven courses that are completed over three consecutive terms. The duration of the program may be extended with the approval of the senior supervisor and graduate chair/director. Courses will be dependent upon which stream a student is completing. These are

- stream A 1 – international development- International Development
- stream B 2 – governance and conflict Governance and Conflict
- stream 3 – Latin American Studies

**Admission Requirements**

Normally, to be considered for admission, applicants must have a bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 from a recognized university, preferably in an arts or social sciences discipline. In addition, the School also requires a statement of research interest. Applicants seeking entry into the Latin American Studies stream must provide proof of reading and speaking competence in Spanish or Portuguese. At the discretion of the graduate program committee, proof of competence in another language spoken in Latin America and the Caribbean may be accepted. Those admitted with other credentials or those with arts degrees who in the judgment of the Graduate Chair are without adequate foundation in the social sciences may be required to make up any deficiency without receiving graduate credit for those courses. Students are admitted for commencement of studies in the fall semester only.

**Application Requirements**

Please consult the School for International Studies website.

**Program Requirements**

**1. Extended Essays Track**

~~Candidates~~ Students complete a minimum of 30 units, including at least 24 units of ~~course-work~~ coursework and ~~a project~~ two extended essays (six 6 units). Each extended essay should be approximately 8,000 words. The options are writing a policy briefing (or policy briefings), a review essay (or review essays), or some other type of writing focused on synthesis and analysis, rather than original research.

**Stream A 1 International Development**

Students who choose this stream complete all of

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 801 Institutions, Policies and Development (4)
- IS 802 Political Economy of Development (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 880 MA Extended Essays (6)
- ~~IS 888 MA Paper (6)~~

and two elective courses subject to approval of the graduate chair or director.

### **Stream B 2 Governance and Conflict**

Students who choose this stream complete all of

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 806 State Failure and Reconstruction: Comparative Perspectives (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 840 Perspectives in International Studies (4)
- IS 880 MA Extended Essays (6)
- ~~IS 888 MA Paper (6)~~

and two elective courses subject to approval from the graduate chair or program director.

### **Stream 3 Latin American Studies**

- IS 815 Theories of Latin American Development (4)
- IS 835 Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)
- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 880 MA Extended Essays (6)

and two elective courses subject to approval from the graduate chair or program director.

## **2. Thesis Track**

Candidates Students complete a minimum of 30 units, including at least 24 20 units of course work coursework and a project (six units), the thesis prospectus course (2 units) and the thesis course (8 units). The thesis prospectus (IS 886) should be comprised of 3,000 words and should lay out a research question, the relevant scholarly literature and propose a method for conducting the research. Students will then research and write a thesis (IS 898) of between 14,000 to 16,000 words. The thesis will be the result of original research and will be designed with the goal of producing a publishable article.

### **Stream A 1 International Development**

Students who choose this stream complete all of

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)

- IS 801 Institutions, Policies and Development (4)
- IS 802 Political Economy of Development (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 886 MA Thesis Prospectus (2)
- IS 889 MA Thesis (8)
- ~~IS 888 MA Paper (6)~~

and ~~two~~ one elective courses subject to approval of the graduate chair or director.

### **Stream B 2 Governance and Conflict**

~~Students who choose this stream complete all of~~

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 806 State Failure and Reconstruction: Comparative Perspectives (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 840 Perspectives in International Studies (4)
- IS 886 MA Thesis Prospectus (2)
- IS ~~886~~ MA Thesis (8)
- ~~IS 888 MA Paper (6)~~

and ~~two~~ one elective courses subject to approval of the graduate chair or director.

### **Stream 3 Latin American Studies**

- IS 815 Theories of Latin American Development (4)
  - IS 835 Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)
  - IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
  - IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies
  - IS 886 MA Thesis Prospectus (2)
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and one elective course subject to approval from the graduate chair or program director.

TO:

### **International Studies Master of Arts Program**

*School for International Studies | Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University Calendar 2013 Fall*

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- stream 3 – Latin American Studies

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Students complete a minimum of 30 units, including at least 24 units of coursework and two extended essays (6 units). Each extended essay should be approximately 8,000 words. The options are writing a policy briefing (or policy briefings), a review essay (or review essays), or some other type of writing focused on synthesis and analysis, rather than original research.

### **Stream 1 International Development**

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 801 Institutions, Policies and Development (4)
- IS 802 Political Economy of Development (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 880 MA Extended Essays (6)

and two elective courses subject to approval of the graduate chair or director.

### **Stream 2 Governance and Conflict**

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 806 State Failure and Reconstruction: Comparative Perspectives (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 840 Perspectives in International Studies (4)
- IS 880 MA Extended Essays (6)

and two elective courses subject to approval from the graduate chair or program director.

### **Stream 3 Latin American Studies**

- IS 815 Theories of Latin American Development (4)

- IS 835 Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)
- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 880 MA Extended Essays (6)

and two elective courses subject to approval from the graduate chair or program director.

## 2. Thesis Track

Students complete a minimum of 30 units, including at least 20 units of coursework, the thesis prospectus course (2 units) and the thesis course (8 units). The thesis prospectus (IS 886) should comprise of 3,000 words and should lay out a research question, the relevant scholarly literature and propose a method for conducting the research. Students will then research and write a thesis (IS ~~899~~) of between 14,000 to 16,000 words. The thesis will be the result of original research and will be designed with the goal of producing a publishable article.

### Stream 1 International Development

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 801 Institutions, Policies and Development (4)
- IS 802 Political Economy of Development (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 886 MA Thesis Prospectus (2)
- IS ~~889~~ MA Thesis (8)  
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and one elective course subject to approval of the graduate chair or director.

### Stream 2 Governance and Conflict

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 806 State Failure and Reconstruction: Comparative Perspectives (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 840 Perspectives in International Studies (4)
- IS 886 MA Thesis Prospectus (2)
- IS ~~889~~ MA Thesis (8)  
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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
Latin American Studies Program  
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
M E M O R A N D U M

To: Paul Budra, Chair, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Graduate Curriculum Committee

From: Alexander Dawson, Director, Latin American Studies Program

Subject: Curriculum changes

Date: June 18, 2012

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On June 18, 2012, the Steering Committee of the Latin American Studies Program agreed to support the proposal, put forward by the School of International Studies, to create a Latin American Studies Stream within the MAIS.

Two courses currently taught within the LAS MA (LAS 815 and LAS 835) will become required courses within this stream.

LAS has admitted a cohort of students for the MA for the Fall 2012 semester, but we do not anticipate doing an intake during the coming year. It is our plan to focus graduate admissions within the MAIS in future years. Once this year's cohort completes the program, we anticipate closing the stand-alone LAS MA program.



Alec Dawson  
Director, LAS  
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# New Graduate Course Proposal Form

## PROPOSED COURSE

Program (eg. MAPH) IS	Number (eg. 810) 880	Units (eg. 4) 6
Course Title (max 80 characters) MA Extended Essays		
Short Title (appears on transcripts, max 25 characters) MA Extended Essays		
Course Description for SFU Calendar <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document <input type="checkbox"/> Learning outcomes identified		
Available Course Components: <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SECTION		
Grading Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter grades <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress/Complete		This is a capstone course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Prerequisites (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document (if more space is required)		
<b>Enrollment in the MA in International Studies program.</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> This proposed course is combined with an undergrad course; Course number and units: _____		
Additional course requirements for graduate students <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if this space is insufficient)		
Campus at which course will be offered (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Burnaby <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vancouver <input type="checkbox"/> Surrey <input type="checkbox"/> GNW <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
Estimated enrolment 10	Date of initial offering Fall 2013	Course delivery (eg. 3 hrs/week for 13 weeks) NO IN-CLASS TIME
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Practicum work done in this class will involve children or vulnerable adults (If the "Yes" box is checked, all students will require criminal record checks)		
Justification <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if more space is required)		
To distinguish between students in the extended essays track (IS 880) versus the thesis track (IS <sup>898</sup> <del>880</del> ).		

## RESOURCES

If additional resources are required to offer this course, the department proposing the course should be prepared to provide information on the source(s) of those additional resources.

Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course <input type="checkbox"/> information about their competency to teach the course is appended Various faculty members in IS and LAS.
Number of additional faculty members required in order to offer this course N/A
Additional space required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document N/A
Additional specialized equipment required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document N/A
Additional Library resources required (append details) <input type="checkbox"/> Annually \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> One-time \$ _____ N/A

**PROPOSED COURSE** from first page

Program (eg. ....) IS	Number (eg. 810) 880	Units (eg. 4) 6
Course title (max 80 characters) MA Extended Essays		

**APPROVAL SIGNATURES**

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The new course proposal must also be sent to the Library for a report on library resources.

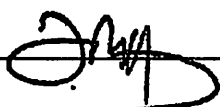
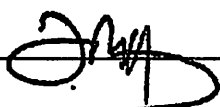
Once overlap concerns have been dealt with, signatures indicate approval by the department, home faculty and Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

**Other Faculties**

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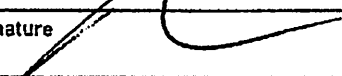
Name of Faculty	Signature of Dean or Designate	Date

**Departmental Approval (non-departmentalized faculties need not sign)**

Department Graduate Program Committee MICHAEL HOWARD	Signature } 	Date August 15, 2012
Department Chair John Harriss jharriss@sfu.ca	Signature } 	Date August 15, 2012


**Faculty Approval**

Faculty approval indicates that all the necessary course content and overlap concerns have been resolved, and that the Faculty/Department commits to providing the required Library funds and any other necessary resources.

Faculty Graduate Program Committee	Signature 	Date Sept 10/12
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**Senate Graduate Studies Committee Approval**

SGSC approval indicates that the Library report has been seen, and all resource issues dealt with. Once approved, new course proposals are sent to Senate for information.

Senate Graduate Studies Committee W Parkhouse	Signature 	Date Nov 15/2
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**CONTACT**

Upon approval of the course, the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies will consult with the department or school regarding other course attributes that may be required to enable the proper entry of the new course in the student record system.

Department / School / Program School for International Studies	Contact name Ellen Yap (staff)	Contact email syap@sfu.ca
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# New Graduate Course Proposal Form

## PROPOSED COURSE

Program (eg. MAPH)   S	Number (eg. 810)   886	Units (eg. 4)   2
Course Title (max 80 characters) Thesis Prospectus		
Short Title (appears on transcripts, max 25 characters) Thesis Prospectus		
Course Description for SFU Calendar <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document <input type="checkbox"/> Learning outcomes identified		
Available Course Components: <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SECTION		
Grading Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter grades <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress/Complete		This is a capstone course <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Prerequisites (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document (if more space is required)		
Enrollment in the MA in International Studies program.		
<input type="checkbox"/> This proposed course is combined with an undergrad course. Course number and units: _____		
Additional course requirements for graduate students <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if this space is insufficient)		
Campus at which course will be offered (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Burnaby <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vancouver <input type="checkbox"/> Surrey <input type="checkbox"/> GNW <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
Estimated enrolment 10	Date of initial offering Fall 2013	Course delivery (eg. 3 hrs/week for 13 weeks) NO IN-CLASS TIME
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Practicum work done in this class will involve children or vulnerable adults (If the "Yes" box is checked, all students will require criminal record checks)		
Justification <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if more space is required)		
To guide students in the thesis writing process.		

## RESOURCES

If additional resources are required to offer this course, the department proposing the course should be prepared to provide information on the source(s) of those additional resources.

Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course <input type="checkbox"/> information about their competency to teach the course is appended Various faculty members in IS and LAS.
Number of additional faculty members required in order to offer this course N/A
Additional space required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document N/A
Additional specialized equipment required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document N/A
Additional Library resources required (append details) <input type="checkbox"/> Annually \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> One-time \$ _____ N/A

**PROPOSED COURSE** from first page

Program [eg. • • • • } 1S*	Number [eg. 810] 886	Units [eg. 4] 2
Course title (max 80 characters) Thesis Prospectus		

**APPROVAL SIGNATURES**

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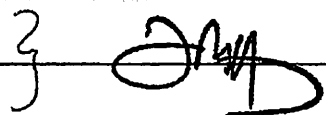
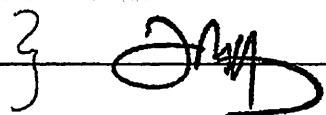
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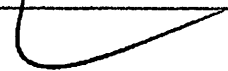
Name of Faculty	Signature of Dean or Designate	Date

**Departmental Approval (non-departmentalized faculties need not sign)**

Department Graduate Program Committee Michael Howard	Signature 	Date August 15, 2012
Department Chair John Harriss jharriss@sfu.ca	Signature 	Date August 15, 2012

**Faculty Approval**

Faculty approval indicates that all the necessary course content and overlap concerns have been resolved, and that the Faculty/Department commits to providing the required Library funds and any other necessary resources.

Faculty Graduate Program Committee	Signature 	Date Sep 6, 10/12
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**Senate Graduate Studies Committee Approval**

SGSC approval indicates that the Library report has been seen, and all resource issues dealt with. Once approved, new course proposals are sent to Senate for information.

Senate Graduate Studies Committee W Parkhouse	Signature 	Date Nov 15/12
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**CONTACT**

Upon approval of the course, the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies will consult with the department or school regarding other course attributes that may be required to enable the proper entry of the new course in the student record system.

Department / School / Program School for International Studies	Contact name Ellen Yap (staff)	Contact email syap@sfu.ca
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# New Graduate Course Proposal Form

## PROPOSED COURSE

Subject (eg. MAPH) <b>IS</b>	Number (eg. 810) <b>898</b>	Units (eg. 4) <b>8</b>
Course Title (max 80 characters) <b>MA Thesis</b>		
Short Title (appears on transcripts, max 25 characters) <b>MA Thesis</b>		
Course Description for SFU Calendar <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document <input type="checkbox"/> Learning outcomes identified		
Available Course Components: <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SECTION</b> _____		
Grading Basis <input type="checkbox"/> Letter grades <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Progress/Complete		This is a capstone course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Prerequisites (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document (if more space is required) <b>Enrollment in the MA in International Studies program.</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> This proposed course is combined with an undergrad course: Course number and units: _____		
Additional course requirements for graduate students <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if this space is insufficient)		
Campus at which course will be offered (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Burnaby <input type="checkbox"/> Vancouver <input type="checkbox"/> Surrey <input type="checkbox"/> GNW <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
Estimated enrolment <b>10</b>	Date of initial offering <b>Fall 2013</b>	Course delivery (eg. 3 hrs/week for 13 weeks) <b>No in-class time</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Practicum work done in this class will involve children or vulnerable adults (If the "Yes" box is checked, all students will require criminal record checks)		
Justification <input type="checkbox"/> See attached document (if more space is required) <b>To distinguish between students in the extended essays track (IS880) vs. the thesis track (IS889).</b> <b>898</b>		

## RESOURCES

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Faculty member(s) who will normally teach this course <input type="checkbox"/> information about their competency to teach the course is appended <b>Various faculty members in IS and LAS.</b>
Number of additional faculty members required in order to offer this course <b>N/A</b>
Additional space required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document <b>N/A</b>
Additional specialized equipment required in order to offer this course <input type="checkbox"/> see attached document <b>N/A</b>
Additional Library resources required (append details) <input type="checkbox"/> Annually \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> One-time \$ _____ <b>N/A</b>

**PROPOSED COURSE** from first page

Program (eg. ....) <b>1S</b>	Number (eg. 810) <del>800</del> <b>898</b>	Units (eg. 4) <b>8</b>
Course title (max 80 characters) <b>MA Thesis</b>		

**APPROVAL SIGNATURES**

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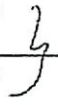
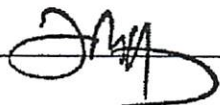
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**Departmental Approval** (non-departmentalized faculties need not sign)

Department Graduate Program Committee <i>Michael Howard</i>	Signature 	Date <i>August 15, 2012</i>
Department Chair <i>John Harriss jharriss@sfu.ca</i>	Signature 	Date <i>August 15, 2012</i>


**Faculty Approval**

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Faculty Graduate Program Committee	Signature 	Date <i>Sept 10/12</i>
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**Senate Graduate Studies Committee Approval**

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Senate Graduate Studies Committee <i>Warkhouse</i>	Signature 	Date <i>Nov 15/12</i>
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**CONTACT**

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Department / School / Program <b>School for International Studies</b>	Contact name <b>Ellen Yap (staff)</b>	Contact email <b>syap@sfu.ca</b>
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Simon Fraser University



Academic Calendar > International Studies > International Studies Master of Arts Program

## International Studies Master of Arts Program

*School for International Studies | Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University Calendar 2012 Fall*

This full-time 12 month program, leading to a master of arts (MA) in international studies, consists of seven courses that are completed over three consecutive terms. Courses will be dependent upon which course stream a student is completing. These are

- stream A – international development
- stream B – governance and conflict

### Admission Requirements

Normally, to be considered for admission, applicants must have a bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 from a recognized university, preferably in an arts or social sciences discipline. In addition, the School also requires a statement of research interest. Those admitted with other credentials or those with arts degrees who in the judgment of the Graduate Chair are without adequate foundation in the social sciences may be required to make up any deficiency without receiving graduate credit for those courses. Students are admitted for commencement of studies in the fall semester only.

### Application Requirements

Please consult the School for International Studies website.

### Program Requirements

Candidates complete a minimum of 30 units, including at least 24 units of course work and a project (six units).

#### Stream A International Development

Students who choose this stream complete all of

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 801 Institutions, Policies and Development (4)
- IS 802 Political Economy of Development (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 888 MA Paper (6)

and two elective courses subject to approval of the graduate chair or director.

#### Stream B Governance and Conflict

Students who choose this stream complete all of

- IS 800 Problems in International Development Policy and Practice (4)
- IS 806 State Failure and Reconstruction: Comparative Perspectives (4)
- IS 830 Analytic Approaches for International Studies (4)
- IS 840 Perspectives in International Studies (4)
- IS 888 MA Paper (6)

and two elective courses subject to approval from the graduate chair or program director.

### Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the Graduate General Regulations (residence, course work, academic progress, supervision, research competence requirement, completion time, and degree completion), as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled, as shown above.