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**MEMORANDUM**

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ATTENTION Senate  
FROM Wade Parkhouse, Chair of Senate  
Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)  
RE: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

DATE November 17, 2016  
No. GS2016.16

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**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of November 7, 2016, SGSC approved the following curriculum changes, **effective Summer 2017**:

Department of History

Program change: Master of Arts in History

School of Criminology

Program change: Master of Arts in Criminology



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ATTENTION: Wade Parkhouse, Dean  
Graduate Studies

FROM : Lisa Shapiro, Chair  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Studies Committee

RE: FASSGSC Proposals

DATE: May 10, 2016

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Committee met on May 5, 2016 and approved the following:

- ~~New Graduate Certificate in the Linguistics of a First Nations Language program and associated calendar language. This four course (16 unit) certificate is developed for and in collaboration with First Nations communities, following the mission statement of the SFU Aboriginal Strategic Plan (2013-2018).~~
- ~~Changes to the Department of English MA program and associated calendar language~~
  - ~~MA Option A is made a true coursework option completable in one year, by eliminating the capstone research paper requirement;~~
  - ~~MA Option B replaces a thesis by two extended essays, examined by two readers.~~

~~Please note that these motions relate only to the English MA, and not the MATE program, which has a separate calendar entry, different program requirements.~~
- ~~Calendar changes to the Department of History MA program so that they now include Admissions Requirements and revised language requirements.~~
- ~~Program changes to the School for International Studies MA program, and associated calendar language, removing MA streams and associated required courses. Concentrations are still preserved.~~
- ~~Program changes to the Department of Political Science PhD and MA~~



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~~programs, and associated calendar language~~

- ~~○ Political Science PhD program changes eliminate the requirement of 6 courses beyond the M.A. for the Ph.D. while determining the minimum required courses for Ph.D. candidates on admission to the program;~~
- ~~○ Political Science MA program changes allow students to determine how they will complete the MA after admission.~~
- Addition of new course URB 605, Urban Ethics.

Please place these items on the agenda for the next SGSC meeting. We would like the above changes to become effective Spring 2017.

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<p data-bbox="191 272 391 336"><b>History</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 378 472 406">MASTER OF ARTS</p> <p data-bbox="191 453 743 559">The Department of History offers graduate research leading to a master of arts (MA) degree.</p> <p data-bbox="191 606 743 825">The major study areas are <del>Canada, Europe, the Middle East, the Americas, and Africa. Only those who wish to specialize in one of the specific fields covered by the list of MA courses will be considered.</del></p> <p data-bbox="191 868 760 1091">The department reserves the right to accept candidates only when a qualified supervisor is available and the University resources (including library facilities) are deemed adequate for the stated research priority.</p> <p data-bbox="191 1138 760 1191"><b>Admission Requirements</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 1251 423 1278">Transition entry.</p> <p data-bbox="191 1421 240 1449">[...]</p>	<p data-bbox="797 272 997 336"><b>History</b></p> <p data-bbox="797 378 1078 406">MASTER OF ARTS</p> <p data-bbox="797 453 1377 559">The Department of History offers graduate research leading to a master of arts (MA) degree.</p> <p data-bbox="797 606 1377 712">The major study areas are <b>Africa, the Americas, Asia, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East.</b></p> <p data-bbox="797 755 1360 808"><b>Admission Requirements</b></p> <p data-bbox="797 855 1425 1229"><b>Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in <u>Graduate General Regulations 1.3</u> in the SFU Calendar. Normally, an undergraduate 3.33 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) is required in History or its equivalent in History over the last two years of the undergraduate program. A degree in a discipline related to History may be accepted in exceptional cases.</b></p> <p data-bbox="797 1272 1425 1495"><b>The Department reserves the right to accept qualified candidates only when an appropriate supervisor is available and the University resources (including library facilities) are deemed adequate for the student's stated research interest.</b></p> <p data-bbox="797 1538 1425 1687"><b>Demonstrated ability in a language or languages other than English may be a requirement for admission to the program, at the discretion of the nominal supervisor.</b></p>

## Language Requirements

Students must demonstrate a reading ability in a language other than English that is acceptable to their supervisory committee. Students proposing to study Canadian history must demonstrate an ability to read French. Ability is determined by a time-limited examination consisting of the translation of a passage of history in the particular language. A dictionary is permitted.

## Language Requirements

Senior supervisors will determine with their students whether reading ability in a language or languages other than English are necessary for the completion of the MA. Senior supervisors will submit their recommendation in writing to the GPC for approval by the end of the first semester. Reading ability will be evaluated by a time-limited examination consisting of the translation of a passage in the particular language with the aid of a dictionary, or the successful completion of a language training course approved by the senior supervisor. A student who fails the time-limited examination may retake the test at the discretion of the senior supervisor. Senior supervisors will be responsible for determining whether the student has met the language requirements and for so informing the GPC.



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ATTENTION: Wade Parkhouse, Dean  
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FROM : Lisa Shapiro, Chair   
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Studies Committee

RE: FASSGSC Proposals

DATE: October 7, 2016

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Committee voted electronically on October 6, 2016 and passed the attached motion. Please place this item on the agenda for the next SGSC meeting.

We would like the above changes to become effective Summer 2017.



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13 September 2016

Dear Lisa Shapiro:

RE: Proposal to establish Accelerated MA in the School of Criminology

At its meeting of 25 February 2016, the School of Criminology approved the following curricular program change:

- Proposal to establish Accelerated MA in Criminology

This curricular program change was also approved by FASSCC on 05 May 2016.

Please place this proposal on the agenda of the next meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee

The accompanying document includes a proposal, prepared according to the Graduate Studies guidelines and regulations, and the calendar entry.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin A. Andresen".

Martin A. Andresen, PhD

## **Proposal for Accelerated MA**

General admission requirements and guidelines for concurrent enrolment can be found here: <http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/future/academicprograms/ConcurrentAdmission.html>

### **1. Faculty/Department/School**

Faculty of Arts and Social Science

### **2. Degree programs (undergraduate and graduate)**

Master of Arts (MA) in Criminology

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Criminology

### **3. Proposed date of implementation**

~~Spring 2017~~ Summer 2017

### **4. Rationale**

The primary rationale for the implementation of the Accelerated MA in criminology is to attract our top BA students into our MA program. The secondary rationale for this implementation is to attract students into our program directly from secondary school, locally, nationally, and internationally. And third, an Accelerated MA will allow for better predictability in course offerings at the graduate level; knowing the research interests of a portion of our incoming MA cohort will allow us to offer elective courses that are better suited to those students.

### **5. Projected enrolment/Student Demand**

We have a significant number of students who apply from our BA program into the MA program each year. Based on this volume we would expect 5-7 students each year would enter into the Accelerated MA. Approximately 15-30 students each year would be eligible to apply based on having a CGPA of 3.67 or greater after 90 credits. We expect a modest increase in demand given the attractiveness of an Accelerated MA. As with other such programs, we expect that the primary benefit will be to recruit highly qualified undergraduate students into the School of Criminology.

### **6. Advising structure for students**

While students are in the BA completion phase of the Accelerated MA, undergraduate advising staff will advise students on undergraduate courses; the graduate program secretary will be available for advising on enrolment in graduate level courses while these students are still completing their BA. Once the students are solely in the MA program, the graduate program secretary will provide advising. Additionally, once the Accelerated MA is established each student will be appointed a faculty member advisor (likely to become their senior supervisor) for advice within their Accelerated MA.



**7. Capacity to provide financial and supervisory support to students, once their bachelor's degree is complete, based on the estimate number of students in the Accelerated MA.**

The Accelerated MA is not expected to impose an increased workload on faculty. We do not expect a large number of applications and the Accelerated MA applications will be considered during the time the Graduate Programs Committee reviews MA program applications; as such, the Accelerated MA will not add any additional students to our graduate program. This will not increase the workload on faculty with regard to supervision, but is expected to increase the number of students in our elective courses in our MA program. No additional budget or other resources are required.

**8. Admission requirements in addition to the minimum SFU requirements**

The 90 credits must include the following courses: CRIM 300, CRIM 320, CRIM 321, CRIM 330. These are our core upper division courses for the BA program.

**9. Specific time-lines (e.g. when undergraduates may apply; when each of the milestones must be accomplished; expected completion)**

Students may apply for the Accelerated MA once they have completed 90 credits with a 3.67 or greater CGPA that includes CRIM 300W, CRIM 320, CRIM 321, and CRIM 330. The Graduate Programs Committee, in conjunction with the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, will normally consider applications 01 February, with our regular MA admissions. The Accelerated MA is not guaranteed and will be based on additional criteria that include: the evaluation of letters of reference and the evaluation of a research plan that considers faculty research areas.

Time to completion expectations are the same as specified in the relevant Graduate General Regulations. However, Accelerated MA students are likely to finish their MA degree program sooner given their ability to complete one-half of the MA program course requirements before official entry into the MA program.

**10. Description of any proposed changes to existing programs (e.g. undergraduate courses that cannot be substituted by graduate courses; graduate courses that cannot be used towards the undergraduate program)**

None.

## **Appendix A: Proposed Calendar Text**

The following calendar text will be added at the end of the upper division program requirements for the undergraduate program, and after the program requirements for the graduate program.

### **Calendar Text:**

**NOTE: SFU students enrolled in the Accelerated MA within the School of Criminology may apply a maximum of 10 graduate course units, taken while completing the bachelor's degree, towards the upper division undergraduate electives of the bachelor's program and the requirements of the master's degree. These graduate courses must be passed with a grade of B (3.0) or better in order to be used towards the requirements of the master's degree. Students may apply for the Accelerated MA once they have completed 90 credits with a 3.67 or greater CGPA that includes CRIM 300W, CRIM 320, CRIM 321, and CRIM 330. For more information go to: <http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/future/academicprograms/ConcurrentAdmission.html>**

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