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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate

DATE July 16, 2018

FROM George Agnes,
Acting Chair of Senate Graduate
Studies Committee (SGSC)

RE: Program Change

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of July 10, 2018, SGSC approved the following program change, effective **Summer 2019**:

Faculty of Environment

- 1) Program change (calendar): Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate

To: Dr. Jeff Derksen, Dean of Graduate Studies / Chair of SGSC

From: Dr. Dongya Yang, Associate Dean /Chair, Faculty of Environment Graduate Studies Committee

Date: June 20, 2018

Re: Calendar Entry for the Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate

The Faculty of Environment Graduate Studies Committee has approved the request of calendar entry change for the Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact.



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To: Dr. Dongya Yang, Associate Dean, Graduate, Faculty of Environment

From: Dr. Gretchen Ferguson, Director, Sustainable Development Program, Faculty of Environment

Date: June 5, 2018

Re: Calendar Entry for the Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate

As you know, SFU's ^{Degree Audit} ~~Annual Progress Report~~ project started in 2016. As a part of the project, all of the academic units were required to reformat their calendar entries due to extensive variability across the board.

The project is currently seeking to wrap up by the end of Summer 2018. This requires an updated version of the Development and Sustainability Graduate Certificate calendar entry to fit the standard format.

Attached is the revised calendar entry. There are no changes to any program requirements or courses – this is simply putting the Certificate into the standard template format.

Please approve the revised calendar entry or advise me of any questions or concerns. I have send this memo and the revised calendar entry to the SD Program Advisory Committee for their information.

Once you have approved the calendar entry, it would then go to the next SGSC meeting for review and approval.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Gretchen Ferguson
Director
Sustainable Development Program



Please note:

To view the Summer 2018 Academic Calendar go to www.sfu.ca/students/calendar/2018/summer.html

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Development and Sustainability

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

To study development and sustainability is to study social transformation particularly those changes that affect the quality of life of individuals and groups within the broader context of environmental change. The problems of social transformation are urgent and complex, and often they transcend the boundaries of conventional academic disciplines. Development and sustainability examines the problems in, processes involved, and the prospects for the sustainable transformation of human, natural, and material resources in various contexts and at various levels of social interaction, from the local, national, and regional to the international/global level.

To study development and sustainability as social transformation, one must draw upon many disciplines in order to obtain a balanced understanding of historical and contemporary processes. These disciplines include, but are not limited to: anthropology, business, communication, economics, education, geography, history, law, political science, psychology, resource and environmental management, and sociology.

This graduate certificate in development and sustainability links faculty teaching and research across nine units in the university, and enables students to coordinate their graduate studies so as to concentrate on development issues, using a multidisciplinary approach. Students move through their programs in their departments while also being in regular contact with those with common interests in development across the university.

Admission Requirements

Students will be admitted to the university and will graduate from their home departments according to departmental, school and faculty regulations.

On being granted regular admission to a graduate program in any department, school, or faculty in the University (including special arrangements), students will be informed about the certificate by the steering committee. Though working on projects, theses, and essays is not a requirement of the certificate, students who elect to complete projects, theses, essays in the unit of admission (known as the home department) in a development-related subject will be encouraged to participate.

Program Requirements

Students must meet all course requirements as shown below.

A list of courses for this program is published in advance (see this link). Students will be advised early about these required courses, to enable them to plan their programs in consultation with their supervisory committees. Students should plan course choices leading to the certificate well ahead.

Completing the certificate may require completion of more courses than the degree requires and may thus prolong completion time.

Students will graduate with a regular graduate degree offered by their home units, and a certificate that recognizes their concentration in the field of development studies.

Required Courses

Students complete a total of four courses including the core seminar course

SD 801 - Issues, Concepts & Cases in Development and Sustainability (5)

*students are advised to complete the core seminar course in the first half of their graduate studies

and three additional courses from at least two different schools or departments (or non-departmentalized faculties) from the approved course list.

Continuation Requirements

Students will maintain satisfactory progress, defined as a 3.00 cumulative grade point average, as a graduate student in the University, and will be informed of their progress toward the certificate.

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CALENDAR ENTRY

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Description of Program

Development and Sustainability examines the problems, processes, and prospects for the sustainable transformation of human, natural, and material resources that occur in various contexts and at various levels of social interaction, from local, national, and regional levels to the international/global level. To study Development and Sustainability is to study the changes that affect the quality of life of individuals and groups globally, within the broader context of environmental change.

The problems of Development and Sustainability are urgent and complex, and often transcend the boundaries of conventional academic disciplines. One must draw upon many disciplines in order to obtain a balanced understanding of historical and contemporary processes. These disciplines include, but are not limited to: anthropology, business, communications, economics, gender studies, geography, health, political science, resource and environmental management, and sociology.

The Graduate Certificate in Development and Sustainability links faculty teaching support and research across the university. This enables students to coordinate their graduate studies by concentrating on development issues using a multidisciplinary approach. Students move through their programs in their departments while also being in regular contact with those with common interests in development across the university.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulations 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. This graduate certificate program is exclusively – and only – completed during enrollment in a master's or doctoral program. Students are not permitted to complete this graduate certificate program on its' own. For information, and to be admitted, students should contact the Sustainable Development Program Advisor.

Program Requirements

This program consists of a required seminar and elective course work for a minimum of 14 units.

Students must complete

SD 801 - Issues, Concepts & Cases in Development and Sustainability (5)*

and three courses from at least two academic units

CMNS 840 - Political Economy of Communications (5)

CMNS 845 - Selected Topics (5)

ECON 855 - Theories of Economic Development (4)

GEOG 620 - Selected Topics: Economy, Environment & Development (4)

GSWS 830 - Selected Topics Graduate Seminar I (5)

GSWS 831 - Selected Topics Graduate Seminar II (5)

HSCI 821 - Introduction to Global Health (3)

HSCI 822 - Globalization and Health (3)

HSCI 823 - Health, Gender and Development (3)

HSCI 824 - Global Health Systems (3)

HSCI 870 - Global Health and International Affairs (3)

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IS 801 - Institutions, Policies and Development (4)
IS 809 - Selected Topics
IS 835 - Social and Political Change in Latin America (4)
PLCY 812 - Selected Topics in Public Policy I (5)
POL 837 - Selected Topics: Issues in Comparative Politics; Governance & Globalization (5)
POL 842 - International Law Organization (5)
POL 844 - International Political Economy (5)
POL 856 - Selected Topics: Issues in Social & Economic Policy (5)
POL 893 - Free Trade Area of the Americas Agreement (5)
REM 621 - Ecological Economics (5)
REM 643-5 Environmental Conflict & Dispute Resolution (5)
REM 647 - Parks and Outdoor Recreation Planning (5)
REM 650 - Energy & Materials Management & Policy (5)
REM 651 - Project Evaluation & Non-market Valuation Methods (5)
REM 656 - Environment & Development (5)
REM 658 - Energy & Materials Systems Modelling (5)
REM 660 - Selected Topics in Natural Resources Management (5)
REM 662 - Special Topics in Resource Management (5)
SA 418 - International Health: Global Policies & Local Realities (4)
SA 429 - Sex, Work & International Capital (4)
SA 430 - States, Cultures & Global Transitions (4)
SD 802 - Selected Topics in Sustainable Development (5)
SD 803 - Directed Studies in Sustainable Development (5)

* Students are advised to complete this course in the first half of their graduate studies.

Program Length

Students are expected to complete the program requirements within the first nine terms of their master's or doctoral program.

Other Information

Students will receive their certificate of Development and Sustainability upon completion of their primary degree.

Course work

Students should plan course choices leading to the certificate well ahead of time in consultation with their supervisory committees and the Sustainable Development Program Advisor.

Academic Requirements within the Graduate General Regulations

All graduate students must satisfy the academic requirements that are specified in the Graduate General Regulations, as well as the specific requirements for the program in which they are enrolled.