

**S.87-71**

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senate  
**FROM:** J.W.G. Ivany,  
Chair, SCAP  
**SUBJECT:** Graduate Curriculum  
Changes - Economics  
Reference: SCAP 87-40  
**DATE:** Nov.19, 1987

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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Graduate Studies Committee gives rise to the following motion:


**MOTION:** "That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-71

- 1) change of credit hours for ECON 843
- 2) change of course numbers as follows:
  - ECON 896 Selected Topics to three Selected Topics numbers (911), (912), and (913)
  - ECON 897 Directed Readings to three Directed Readings numbers (921), (922), and (923)
  - ECON 898 M.A. Thesis be changed to ECON 991 M. A. Thesis
  - ECON 899 Ph.D. Thesis be changed to ECON 990 Ph.D. Thesis
- 3) deletion of screening examinations from Core Course Work - M.A. Program and Admissions Requirements - Ph.D. Program
- 4) addition of the following sentence to the Ph.D. Program, Degree Requirements:-  
'Students specializing in Economics and Business Administration must include ECON 803-3 and 804-4 or 806-4 as part of their course work"

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sydney Preston, Secretary  
Faculty of Arts  
Graduate Studies Committee

FROM: John F. Chant   
Chairman, Graduate Program  
Department of Economics

RE: Calendar Changes

DATE: October 27, 1987

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At recent meetings of the Graduate Studies Committee the following changes to the calenday were decided:

1. The credit hours of ECON 843, Current Problems in International Trade, were increased from 3 to 4 hours. This step eliminates the anomaly of the single course that has three credits outside the core of the program. In practice, this course has been taught at 4 credit hours for some time.
2. The Selected Topics (896), Directed Readings (897), M.A. Thesis (898) and Ph.D. Thesis (899) numbers were changed to three Selected Topics numbers (911), (912) and (913), to three Directed Readings numbers (921), (922) and (923), M.A. Thesis to (991) and Ph.D. Thesis to (990). The numbers for M.A. Essays (998) and M.A. Project (999) that are presently being used by the Registrar's Office will be included in the Calendar.
3. Two sentences were deleted from page 231 (See Attached) regarding screening examinations.
4. The following sentence was added to page 231 under Ph.D. Program, Degree Requirements, 1: Students specializing in Economics and Business Administration must include ECON 803-3 and 804-4 or 806-4 as part of their course work. (See attached.) This change legitimizes the practice of the program in the past. This change has been discussed and is acceptable to the Faculty of Business Administration.

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normally, the Graduate Admissions Committee will specify the appropriate additional requirements at the time of admission.

**Degree Requirements**

The M.A. Program allows three options:

- a) **The Thesis Option:** Core work plus two ECON or BUEC graduate courses and an original thesis;
- b) **The Extended Essay Option:** Core work plus four ECON or BUEC graduate courses and two extended essays;
- c) **The Project Option:** Core work plus five ECON or BUEC graduate courses and a research project.

Normally, every M.A. program will include the following:

1. **Core Course Work**

Students must satisfy the department that they have achieved a satisfactory level of competence in microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, quantitative methods and mathematical economics. Except where students have successfully undertaken equivalent work at the undergraduate level or in graduate work at another university, the requirements regarding microeconomics will be met by completing either ECON 802-3 and 803-3, or ECON 804-4. Students with an inadequate background in microeconomics may be required to take ECON 799-4 (no graduate credit). ~~There will be pre-announced screening examinations for new students wishing to register for ECON 802-3.~~ The requirement regarding macroeconomics will be met by completing either ECON 805-4 or 806-4. The requirement regarding mathematical economics will be met by completing the undergraduate course ECON 331-5 (no graduate credit). Since the latter course is a prerequisite to all required graduate courses, incoming graduate students are normally required to enrol in it in their first term, or to pass a pre-announced screening examination on the material covered in it. (Information on the material currently covered in this course/exam may be obtained directly from the department.) The quantitative methods requirement will be met by completing ECON 835-4 or 837-4.

2. **Area Course Work**

A minimum of eight (thesis option), sixteen (extended essay option), or twenty (project option) additional credits of approved graduate course work in the student's area(s) of interest. This area course work may be drawn from ECON and BUEC graduate courses, or, with the permission of the Graduate Program Chairman and Supervisor, from graduate courses in Business Administration or other subjects.

3. Evidence of research and writing ability met by the satisfactory completion of one thesis, two extended essays or one research project. The form of these research papers must meet the standards set out in the general regulations section.

4. An oral examination covering the student's written research, in particular, and program, in general, as outlined in the general regulations section.

5. ECON 900 (research workshop) is a required course for all students who are on campus and registering in ECON 898 or 899 (thesis). ~~990 or 991~~

**Ph.D. Program**

**Admission Requirements**

For admission requirements, refer to the *general regulations* section. In addition, for clear admission the department requires an M.A. degree with graduate work in the core areas equivalent to ECON 802-3, 805-4, and 835-4. Any deficiency in the core areas must be met by taking the appropriate course(s) in addition to the course work normally required for the Ph.D. Subject to the approval of the Graduate Program Chairman a pre-announced screening examination will normally be given at the beginning of each semester to determine any deficiency. In certain cases, students may be transferred into the Ph.D. program from the M.A. program after meeting the core and credit requirements for the M.A. (a total of sixty credits of course work beyond the B.A. honors will be required for such a Ph.D. program).

**Degree Requirements**

The Ph.D. program allows specialization in economics, economics and business administration, or economics and a related discipline. Normally, every Ph.D. program will include the following:

- 1. Successful performance in approved courses amounting to a total of at least thirty semester hour credits beyond the requirements listed above for the M.A. in Economics. Students specializing in Economics must include ECON 803-3, 804-4 and 806-4 as part of their course work. \*

ADD: Students specializing in Economics and Business Administration must include ECON 803-3 and 804-4 or 806-4 as part of their course work.