

MEMORANDUM

To.....Members of Senate.....

From..Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies

Subject..Graduate Curriculum Changes.....
Department of English

Date.....December 5, 1985.....

Action undertaken by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee at its Meeting on December 2, 1985, gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.86-14 , the proposed change in the graduate programs in the Department of English:

M.A. Program

Language Requirement

From: The Supervisory Committee shall be responsible for setting any French or foreign language requirements for the student; they will be required only where the thesis topic makes it clear that the student needs them; they will not be examined separately, it being assumed that the knowledge required will be demonstrated in the oral examination on the thesis.

To: All students registered in the M.A. program will be required to demonstrate a reading ability in one language other than English that is acceptable to the student's supervisory committee. Ability will be determined by a time-limited examination consisting of the translation of a passage of literature or criticism in the particular language. A dictionary will be permitted. It is possible to waive this requirement only with the permission of the Graduate Program Committee.

Ph.D. Program

Language Requirement (Addition)

All students registered in the Ph.D. program will be required to demonstrate a reading ability in one language other than English that is acceptable to the student's supervisory committee. Ability will be determined by a time-limited examination consisting of the translation of a passage of literature or criticism in the particular language. A dictionary

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Rationale for this change is outlined in the attached paper.



Bruce P. Clayman
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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To: Marian McGinn
Secretary
Senate Graduate Studies Committee

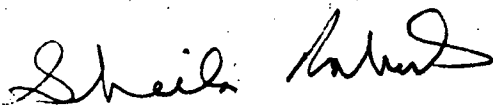
Subject: Graduate Requirements - English Dept.

From: Sheila Roberts
Secretary
Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies
Committee

Date: November 18, 1985

The Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee unanimously approved the addition of a language requirement to the graduate programs in the Department of English. Would you please put this item on the agenda of the Executive Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

Thank you.



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cc: C. Banerjee, Dept. of English

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Please add the following sub-heading

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RATIONALE: The existing policy of the department has meant in practice that graduate students have not been required to know any language other than English. Given that advanced studies in English literature necessitate the knowledge of literature and criticism in several languages other than English, and given that such knowledge is required by the better universities, the department agreed to institute this modest requirement. This will add a real academic benefit to our graduate program without introducing merely formalistic barriers in the student's path.