

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.82-61

MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE

From..... SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject..... PROPOSED CRIMINOLOGY CHANGES - LOWER LEVEL ELECTIVE STRUCTURE; CHANGE OF PREREQUISITE FOR CRIM 452-15 - FIELD PRACTICE

Date..... MAY 20, 1982

MOTION: "That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.82-61, the proposed change in lower level elective structure in Criminology."

For Information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of May 4, 1982, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approved change of prerequisite for CRIM 462-15 - Field Practice to require a minimum CGPA of 2.5 as prerequisite for that course.

CHANGE OF LOWER LEVEL ELECTIVE STRUCTURE

Nature of Proposed Change. The number of Group A elective courses would be increased by one course for a total of two Group A electives. The number of general electives would be reduced by one course yielding a total of five general electives. Overall, the total of lower level course types would be as follows:

- Group A: 6 required + 2 elective courses
- Group B: 5 required + 2 elective courses
- Other: 5 elective courses

Rationale: It was the intention of the Criminology U.C.C. to have the above change formalized in the 1982-83 calendar. However several last minute changes relating to the statistics and other requirements led to an oversight in this regard.

In order to provide the necessary breadth of lower level Group A optional courses, it is our intention that criminology students be required to take one additional Group A elective.

ADDITIONAL PREREQUISITE FOR CRIM 462-15 (FIELD PRACTICE)

Nature of Proposed Change. A minimum C.G.P.A. of 2.5 would be a prerequisite for Crim 462-15.

Rationale: As indicated in the Senate Proposal S78-75, Crim 462-15 was intended as an optional and competitive component of the Criminology Undergraduate Curriculum. It has always been the intention of the Criminology U.C.C. to institute a minimum C.G.P.A. as a basic screening criterion. Because field placement students must be seen as representing both the Criminology Department and Simon Fraser University within professional criminal justice settings, it is necessary to ensure that departmental standards are raised to an appropriate level. It is important to note that this change supplements rather than replaces the prerequisites requiring "prior departmental approval" and a grade of B in Crim 369-4.