

S.74-3

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Subject GRADUATE STUDIES - DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE CALENDAR
CHANGES

Date DECEMBER 19, 1973

MOTION: a) "That Senate approve, as set forth in S.74-3,
that the following paragraph on Page 63 of the
Graduate Calendar be deleted:

'2. Written qualifying examinations in three fields, one field in economic theory covering both micro and macro aspects and two other fields or two fields in economic theory covering both micro and macro to an advanced level and one other field. The other fields will be selected from the following: monetary economics, quantitative methods, international economics, economic history, development economics, regional economics, resource economics and labor economics. Adequate preparation for the qualifying exam in economic theory will be successful completion of the Microeconomic Theory sequence (800-5 and 801-5) and of the Macroeconomic Theory sequence (805-5 and 806-5). Students who have successfully completed work equivalent to 800 and 805 may omit course work in those parts of the sequences. Students are encouraged to complete the above sequences early in order to have the appropriate prerequisites for other likely courses in their programs.'

b) That Senate approve, as set forth in S.74-3,
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of the Graduate Calendar:

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A student must qualify in a supporting subject in addition to the 60 credit requirement under 1 above. A student may select as a supporting subject a language other than English. To qualify a student must demonstrate a thorough reading knowledge in the language concerned, as well as familiarity with the economics literature in that language.

A student may select mathematics as a supporting subject. To qualify he must demonstrate competence in aspects of mathematics (including differential and integral calculus and linear algebra) adequate to support the most advanced course work in quantitative methods.

With the approval of the Department, a student may select as a supporting subject a social science other than economics. To qualify in such an area he must demonstrate, by examination, a basic knowledge in the discipline concerned at the level of an honors graduate.'

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To: Members of Senate

From: Office of the Dean of
Graduate Studies

Subject: Department of Economics and
Commerce Calendar Changes

Date: December 19, 1973

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Jon Wheatley
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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Program
2.

Change in Requirements: From "Written qualifying examinations in three fields, one field in economic theory covering both micro and macro aspects and two other fields or two fields in economics theory covering both micro and macro to an advanced level and one other field. The other fields will be selected from the following: monetary economics, quantitative methods, international economics, economic history, development economics, regional economics, resource economics and labor economics. Adequate preparation for the qualifying exam in economic theory will be successful completion of the Microeconomic Theory sequence (800-5 and 801-5) and of the Macroeconomic Theory sequence (805-5 and 806-5). Students who have successfully completed work equivalent to 800 and 805 may omit course work in those parts of the sequences. Students are encouraged to complete the above sequences early in order to have the appropriate prerequisites for other likely courses in their programs."

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Rationale:

This change is to provide flexibility in the program in order to take into account the interest of students. This is not an actual change in requirements but rather a change in emphasis.

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This recommendation shall be based on the require-
ments of the student's proposed thesis and shall
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Rationale:

This change is designed to place greater emphasis
on the dissertation in the Ph. D program.