

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.74-5

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Subject GRADUATE STUDIES - PSA CALENDAR
CHANGES

Date DECEMBER 7, 1973

MOTION: "That Senate approve, as set forth in S.74-5,
the following change in degree requirements
for the PSA Department:

Delete: 'A graduate student's main concentration will
be on a thesis and not on formal course work.
For the M.A. degree, minimum requirements are
four one semester courses and a thesis. For
the Ph.D. degree, requirements are one course
and a thesis, excluding seminars. This course
may extend beyond one semester's duration and
is designed particularly to equip the candidate
for his research and thesis.'

Add: 'A graduate student's concentration will be
both on a thesis and formal course work. For
the M.A. degree, minimum requirements are five
one semester courses and a thesis. The require-
ments for the Ph.D. degree for students with a
Master's degree are three courses and a thesis.'

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To: Members of Senate

From: Office of the
Dean of Graduate
Studies

Subject: PSA Calendar Changes

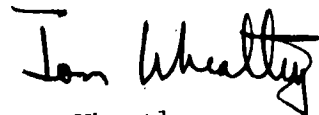
Date: December 7, 1973

The following motion was approved by the Executive Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee at their meeting on December 3, 1973, and is now being forwarded to Senate for approval:

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Jon Wheatley
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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MEMORANDUM

To..... Dean of Graduate Studies ~~Committee~~.....
..... Copy to Mr. Newman, Chairman, Faculty.....
Subject..... Graduate Studies Committee. of Arts.....

From..... Karl Peter.....
..... Chairman Graduate Studies Committee.....
Date..... 30th November, 1973.....

The P.S.A. Department passed a motion on the 13th July 1971 to the effect that the minimum degree requirements for the M.A. degree will be five courses, two of which could be reading courses, plus a thesis for a total of 35 credit hours; and for the Ph.D. a total of three courses, one of which could be a reading course, plus a dissertation for a total of 25 credit hours.

This decision by the department is more stringent than the calendar entry which requires only four courses plus a thesis for an M.A. and one course and a thesis for the Ph.D. degree.

The department was under the impression that since these requirements are more stringent than the general University requirements, no Senate approval was necessary. However, since the department wishes to have the requirements included in the calendar and since it has been informed by the Dean that Senate approval is necessary, I would like to request the Executive Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee gives approval to this change in requirements for graduate degrees in the P.S.A. department.

The reasons for stiffening the requirements in 1971, reasons by the way which we still find to be valid today, were that the department systematized its areas in 1971 such as to include:

- Theory
- Methodology
- Social Cultural and Political Organizations
- Social Psychology (with an emphasis on the social)
- Area Status

The Department felt that in order to give students an adequate opportunity to cover these areas at least five courses were necessary. Today the Department feels more strongly than ever that five courses constitute the minimum for a well prepared B.A. student to attain the level of competence which we feel is essential for the M.A. level. The same applies to the Ph.D. level. I sincerely hope that the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee and the Executive Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee will agree with this.

Karl Peter

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Delete all of 7-59 except for the last sentence, which must be added to the following:

AREAS OF STUDY

In large measure, applicants for graduate study are considered in terms of how their proposed research coincides with the current research and training interests of the Department. At present, these include:

- Political, Social and Anthropological Theory
- Social and Political Systems of Industrial and Non-Industrial Societies
- Social Change
- Religion and Society
- Social Movements and Liberation Movements
- Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Regional Geographic Studies: South Asia, North America (especially Canada), Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America
- International Politics

ADMISSION

For admission requirements, refer to General Regulations section.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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Although the Department recognizes that a knowledge of foreign language is desirable, it does not have any prescribed language requirements. However, where it is evident that a language other than English is necessary for the candidate's field work or reading, he will be required to attain the necessary proficiency.

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<p>Political Science</p> <p>Philosophy of the Social Sciences</p> <p>Social and Political Systems of Industrial Societies</p> <p>Social Change</p> <p>Religion and Society</p> <p>Social Movements and Liberation Movements</p> <p>Philosophy of the Social Sciences</p> <p>Regional Geographic Studies: South Asia, North America (especially Canada), Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America</p> <p>International Politics</p>	<p>Political Science and the State</p> <p>Philosophy of the Social Sciences</p> <p>Social and Political Systems of Industrial Societies</p> <p>Social Change</p> <p>Religion and Society</p> <p>Social Movements and Liberation Movements</p> <p>Philosophy of the Social Sciences</p> <p>Regional Geographic Studies: South Asia, North America (especially Canada), Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America</p> <p>International Politics</p>
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