

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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## MEMORANDUM

To	SENATE	From	H. M. EVANS, SECRETARY SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF SENATE
Subject	GRADUATE CALENDAR SUBMISSION - DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY	Date	MARCH 19, 1970

This is to advise that the Executive Committee, Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, at its meeting held on March 18, 1970, passed the following motion regarding the Graduate Calendar submission from the Department of History:

"That the Graduate Calendar submission from the Department of History be approved, including the line on the top of the second page, '896-5 Supervised Research Seminar' which leaves it unspecified at present."

Note: The Executive Committee was acting on behalf of the full Committee of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies under instructions from that Committee.

## HISTORY DEPARTMENT

### M.A. PROGRAM

General: Candidates for the M.A. degree must satisfy the minimum entrance requirements set by the University: a degree in a discipline related to History may be accepted in some instances.

Since the graduate facilities of the department and the University may be limited in certain areas, the department will accept graduate students only when a qualified supervisor is available and there are adequate library resources in the applicant's field.

Program of Study: All candidates for the M.A. degree are encouraged to enroll in History 800-5, Historiography; it is not, however, a required course.

A candidate must satisfy the following minimum requirements:

1. 30 semester hours of work, of which 15 semester hours must be in graduate courses (or research seminars) in the Department.
2. The M.A. thesis carries a value of 10 semester hours.

After the student has been accepted by the Department, a Supervising Committee will be formed, composed of the student's supervisor and the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee. The Committee, in consultation with the student, will determine the student's program of study.

As soon as possible the student, in consultation with his departmental supervisor, will select a provisional thesis topic. A Master's degree Examining Committee will then be formed. It will be composed of the candidate's supervisor, at least one other member of the Department, and an additional examiner from outside the Department. This committee will approve the thesis topic, and will examine the candidate on his thesis and major field of study, ordinarily by means of an oral examination.

In unusual circumstances, and where the student's professional development would benefit thereby, the Department may consent to the awarding of an M.A. degree based on course work alone. In place of the thesis, two additional courses will be taken, and three research papers will be submitted to the Examining Committee. These papers will be bound as a thesis and deposited in the University Library. The Committee will examine the candidate on his three research papers.

Language Requirements: The Department will require a reading knowledge of any language relevant to the student's research. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate an ability to read French.

The Department of Modern Languages offers courses to help Graduate Students to meet language requirements.

Candidates for the M.A. degree, after successful completion of 20 hours of graduate work, may apply for admission into the Ph.D. program. Admission will be contingent upon a distinguished level of performance, recommendation of directing faculty, potential, and the available resources of the department.

(Add to list of courses)

896-5 Supervised Research Seminar

PH.D. PROGRAM

General: (no change)

Program of Study:

Each student shall have a faculty supervisor in the Department, who in conjunction with the student and the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, shall determine the fields of study. Ordinarily, each student will do four fields of study, three within the Department.

Thesis:

When a student has been formally admitted to Candidacy, an Examining Committee will be formed, composed of the student's supervisor, at least one other member of the Department, and an external examiner. The student will, in consultation with his supervisor, select a thesis topic which will then be approved by the Examining Committee. When the student has completed his thesis and is ready to offer himself for the degree, his Committee will examine him on the subject of his thesis and in his major field of study. The approved thesis will be forwarded to the National Archives for microfilming, following which one copy of the thesis will be bound and deposited in the University Library.

Language Requirements:

The language requirements will be dependent on the student's chosen field of research and will be decided in consultation with his Examining Committee. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate their ability to read French before formal admission to candidacy is granted.