

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

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Senate

From Office of the Dean of Arts

Subject Group requirements

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The Faculty of Arts recommends that pp.57-59 of the calendar be amended in this way:

Delete from "Course Requirements" (p.57) to "6 hours Geography" (p.59).

Substitute this statement:

Course Requirements

In the interest of assuring that students in the Faculty of Arts have a reasonably well rounded program of courses, the disciplines in this and other Faculties have, for advisement purposes, been divided into four groups:

Group A: Department of English
Department of History
Department of Modern Languages
Department of Philosophy

Group B: Department of Economics and Commerce
Department of Geography
Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology
Department of Psychology

Group C: (Faculty of Science)
Department of Biological Sciences
Department of Chemistry
Department of Mathematics
Department of Physics

Group D: (Faculty of Education)
Educational Foundations Centre
Centre for Communications and the Arts
Physical Development Centre

The following "group requirements" are set out to ensure that students obtain a reasonably well rounded program of courses during their first four semesters at the University (or during the remaining portion of this period for transfer students). These apply along with requirements of the major department which the student selects, and pertain essentially to his choice of electives.

A. Students with regular entry (Grade XII, B.C. or equivalent)

Students who do not wish to declare a major on entry will be

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advised through the office of the Dean of Arts to select courses more or less equally distributed between Group A and Group B fields, and to select courses from Groups C and D according to their interest and the available offerings in these Faculties. Choice of a major subject should be made before or during the third semester at the University, and in no case later than the fourth semester, at which time the Department in which the student has selected his major will assume responsibility for advisement. A major may be changed at any time before graduation, but the student should bear in mind that changes after the sixth semester of residence may entail more than a total of eight semesters work in order to complete all the requirements for the new major.

Students choosing a major subject during their first four semesters at the University will be subject to the requirement that at least 12 credit-hours of work in the Group (A or B) other than that of their major be completed during that period. This applies both in cases where a major is chosen upon entry, and where one is chosen sometime during the four-semester period. It is desirable that the courses in this "other" group be spread more or less equally over the four semesters, and particularly that they not be concentrated in a single semester. Students are also encouraged to select some of their courses from areas in Groups C and D, bearing in mind the limitation of 15 credit-hours from those groups in the first four semesters.

B. Advanced credit (B.C. Grade XIII or equivalent, or transfer from another college or university)

Students wishing to enter as undeclared majors will be advised about course selection through the office of the Dean of Arts. The same provisions about group requirements apply as for students with regular entry, except that courses for which advanced credit has been given will be taken into account in advisement. In anticipation of choosing a major subject, the student should consult with the Department in question, particularly to ascertain whether any of the courses for which advanced credit has been given would also give advance standing as far as the Department's requirements are concerned.

The faculty considers that a minimum of 60 credit hours must have been taken in courses offered within the Departments in the Faculty in order to confer the B.A. degree. Students entering with considerable advanced credit from other institutions should be aware that they may be called upon to take sufficient work within the Faculty of Arts to increase the proportion of their total university work in this Faculty. This applies particularly to those who have previously taken courses in disciplines other than those usually found in Arts Faculties.