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RE General Graduate Regulation 1.7.6

[GS2011.26]

CC

DATE December 8, 2011

Motion: That Senate approve the revision of GGR 1.7.6.

[GS2011.26]

Effective Date is September 2012

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Revision of G.G.R. 1.7.6

Motion

That SGSC recommend to Senate that graduate course credits completed as part of a SFU graduate diploma, prior to admission to a master's program, be applied to the requirements for the degree provided a minimum grade of "B" was achieved in the course, and that no more than 50 percent of the overall degree course requirements are completed by advance credit.

Rationale

Presently, both the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Education have graduate diplomas that are designed to ladder into their professional master's programs. At present, students either do not apply to receive their credential until they have made a decision as to whether they wish to pursue their master's degree (sometimes waiting as long as three years) or the academic unit requests a waiver of the courses in the master's program for those courses completed as part of the diploma program. The change to the GGR 1.7.6 proposed in the motion would address the laddering of certificates or diploma's at the graduate level in a formal way. In addition, SGSC feels that courses completed up to three years previously should be considered for advance credit and thus has proposed that the regulation reflect this change from two years.

Calendar Language

Existing Language:

1.7.6 Courses in Master's and Doctoral Programs

The following rules apply to the minimum course work requirement.

One half of the minimum course work of the University or departmental degree requirements must be completed at this University.

None of the University minimum may be courses completed in order to qualify for admission.

None of the University minimum may be undergraduate courses.

A graduate student may apply to complete one or more courses at another university for credit towards a degree at Simon Fraser University under the following conditions.

- a) Such applications shall be made at least one month before the course/courses start and shall be approved by the student's supervisory committee and graduate program committee and be sent to the Dean of Graduate Studies for final approval.
- b) While completing a course/courses at another university under these provisions, the student shall maintain normal enrolment at this University, not enrolment on leave.
- c) Transfer credit is not used in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average.

A graduate student may apply to have credit for graduate courses completed prior to admission applied to the requirements for the degree, under the following conditions.

- a) Courses must have been completed within two years of starting the Simon Fraser University program
- b) Courses may not have been used to earn another credential and may not have been completed as part of a qualifying year
- c) Application for advance credit must be made at the time of application for admission, and must be approved by the graduate program committee and the dean of graduate studies.

Revised Language:

1.7.6 Courses in Master's and Doctoral Programs (changes noted in bold or struck if to be deleted)

The following rules apply to the minimum course work requirement.

One half of the minimum course work of the University or departmental degree requirements must be completed at this University.

None of the University minimum may be courses completed in order to qualify for admission.

None of the University minimum may be undergraduate courses.

A graduate student may apply to complete one or more courses at ~~another university~~ **an equivalent post-secondary institution** for credit towards a degree at Simon Fraser University under the following conditions.

- a) Such applications shall be made at least one month before the course/courses start and shall be approved by the student's supervisory committee and graduate program committee and be sent to the Dean of Graduate Studies for final approval.
- b) While completing a course/courses at ~~another university~~ **an equivalent post-secondary institution** under these provisions, the student shall maintain ~~normal~~ **regular** enrolment at this University, not enrolment on leave.
- c) Transfer credit is not used in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average.

A graduate student may apply to have credit for graduate courses completed prior to admission applied to the requirements for the degree, under the following conditions.

- a) Courses must have been completed within ~~two~~ **three** years of starting the Simon Fraser University program
- b) Courses may not have been used to earn another credential **unless expressly specified** and may not have been completed as part of a qualifying year

~~c) Advance credit may be applied for graduate course credits completed as part of a SFU graduate diploma or graduate certificate to the requirements for a degree provided no more than 50 percent of overall degree course requirements are completed by advance credit.~~

c) Graduate courses (or credits), which have been taken for a graduate diploma or a graduate certificate at SFU, may also be applied towards a graduate master's or doctoral degree provided that no more than 50% of the total course requirements for the degree are completed for advance credit. A minimum grade of B is required for any course for which advance credit is to be awarded.

ed) Application for advance credit must be made at the time of application for admission, and must be approved by the graduate program committee and the dean of graduate studies.

Final Calendar Language:

1.7.6 Courses in Master's and Doctoral Programs

The following rules apply to the minimum course work requirement.

One half of the minimum course work of the University or departmental degree requirements must be completed at this University.

None of the University minimum may be courses completed in order to qualify for admission.

None of the University minimum may be undergraduate courses.

A graduate student may apply to complete one or more courses at an equivalent post-secondary institution for credit towards a degree at Simon Fraser University under the following conditions.

- a) Such applications shall be made at least one month before the course/courses start and shall be approved by the student's supervisory committee and graduate program committee and be sent to the Dean of Graduate Studies for final approval.
- b) While completing a course/courses at an equivalent post-secondary institution under these provisions, the student shall maintain regular enrolment at this University, not enrolment on leave.
- c) Transfer credit is not used in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average.

A graduate student may apply to have credit for graduate courses completed prior to admission applied to the requirements for the degree, under the following conditions.

- a) Courses must have been completed within three years of starting the Simon Fraser University program.
- b) Courses may not have been used to earn another credential unless expressly specified and may not have been completed as part of a qualifying year.
- c) Graduate courses (or credits), which have been taken for a graduate diploma or a graduate certificate at SFU, may also be applied towards a graduate master's or doctoral degree provided that no more than 50% of the total course requirements for the degree are completed for advance credit. A minimum grade of B is required for any course for which advance credit is to be awarded.
- d) Application for advance credit must be made at the time of application for admission and must be approved by the graduate program committee and the dean of graduate studies.