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**RE** Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

**[GS2012.28]**

**CC** Paul Budra

**DATE** 12 June 2012

**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of 11 June 2012, SGSC approved the following curriculum revision:

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**[GS2012.28]**

**a. Department of Political Science**

Master of Arts Program

Degree Requirements

1. Essay or Project Option:

i) required courses: increase to the total number

ii) additional courses: increase to the total number; minor editorial corrections

2. Thesis Option:

i) required courses: increase to the total number

ii) additional courses: increase to the total number; minor editorial corrections

3. Field Exam Option:

i) additional courses: minor editorial corrections

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b. School of Public Policy

Public Policy Master Program

Program Requirements for Year 2

1. Electives: include eleven new courses approved S.10-69
  - PLCY 817-5 Advanced Qualitative Analysis for Public Policy
  - PLCY 818-5 Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis
  - PLCY 819-5 Public Management
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In accordance with Graduate General Regulation 1.6.4, each student will be assigned a supervisory committee.

### **Essay or Project Option**

Students who choose the essay or project option will complete a total of ~~five~~ six courses, including

- POL 801 Theoretical Perspectives in Political Science (5)

and one of

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and ~~three~~ four additional courses from at least two of the department's ~~three~~ fields of study.

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## Political Science Master of Arts Program

Department of Political Science | Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University Calendar 2012 Summer

### Admission Requirements

In addition to the graduate general regulations, the department requires written statements of the student's current interests and proposed areas of research. Applications for graduate work will be considered with reference to the manner in which the proposed area of the candidate's research coincides with faculty teaching and research interests. Consult the department's list of faculty for general research interests. Should additional course work be deemed necessary, the graduate studies committee will indicate the same as a prerequisite.

A written statement of current research interests, three reference letters from qualified referees, and a sample of written work are also required.

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**FASSGC vote**

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**From :** Paul Budra <budra@sfu.ca>

Mon, Jun 04, 2012 07:49 AM

**Subject :** FASSGC vote**To :** Sheilagh MacDonald <sheilagh@sfu.ca>

Hello Sheilagh:

The FASS graduate curriculum committee has voted in favor of the emendations to the PLCY and POL programs. Would you please put those changes on the agenda for the next SCGS meeting? Many thanks.

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Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University  
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**Re: urgent:POL change**

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**From :** David Laycock <laycock@sfu.ca>

Thu, May 31, 2012 12:28 PM

**Subject :** Re: urgent:POL change**To :** Sheilagh MacDonald <sheilagh@sfu.ca>**Cc :** Paul Budra <budra@sfu.ca>, Shantala Singh <polgrad@sfu.ca>

Hi Sheilagh,

I approve the calendar language in this most recent version attached for me, and I've used your template below to spell out the changes.

**POL MA Degree Requirements****Essay or Project Option:**

required courses: increase to the total number four

additional courses: increase of ONE to the total number

minor editorial correction: removal of "three" in same line identifying number of additional courses

**Thesis Option:**

required courses: NO increase to the total number

additional courses: increase to the total number three

minor editorial correction: removal of "three" in same line identifying number of additional courses

**Field Exam Option:**

additional courses: minor editorial correction [removal of "three" in line 11 of this section]

Thanks to both you and Paul for your support on this!

cheers,

David

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**From:** "Sheilagh MacDonald" <sheilagh@sfu.ca>**To:** "David Laycock" <david\_laycock@sfu.ca>

FROM:

## **Program Requirements**

### **Year Two**

Students complete a minimum total of 30 units, including both of

- MPP-PLCY 808-5 Advanced Policy Analysis I
- MPP-PLCY 809-5 Advanced Policy Analysis II

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Simon Fraser University

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## Public Policy Master Program

School of Public Policy | Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University Calendar 2012 Summer

This master of public policy (MPP) program offers the skills, insights and analytical frameworks that public sector and non-profit policy analysts and managers require. It focuses on the political and economic contexts of public policy analysis and offers specialized study. Designed to develop the strategic and global perspective required of tomorrow's senior policy analysts and managers, the program uses a cohort model which encourages student interaction and co-operation. An individual research project undertaken in MPP 808 and 809 (advanced policy analysis) is an integral part of the program.

This full-time two year cohort program, leading to a master of public policy (MPP), consists of fourteen courses and a summer co-op/internship. Courses are sequenced through the fall and spring terms. The maximum course load is four courses per term.

### Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, applicants must have a bachelor's degree from a recognized university. Those admitted with other credentials, or those with degrees who, in the judgement of the program director, are without adequate foundation in the social sciences, may be required to make up any deficiency without receiving graduate credit for those courses.

Students are normally admitted in September. It is expected that approximately 30 students will be directly admitted in any one year.

The normal admission minimum undergraduate GPA is 3.0 (or equivalent), although the admissions committee and program director may consider relevant work experience when determining admission eligibility.

Criteria for admission, in addition to undergraduate grades, include strong letters of reference, an essay, and for those whose native language is not English, acceptable TOEFL scores (570 minimum) and a score of 5 or above on the Test of Written English. Students with non-Canadian undergraduate or graduate degrees are required to complete the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

### Application Requirements

The following application documentation is required.

- a Simon Fraser University graduate application form, which is available from the School of Public Policy office or from [www.sfu.ca/mpp](http://www.sfu.ca/mpp)
- official undergraduate transcript showing all grades (mailed directly from the granting institution)
- three confidential reference letters (mailed directly from referees), at least two of which are from faculty members (may be waived for mid-career applicants with professional experience; letters from employers may be used). Reference forms are available from the office or from [www.sfu.ca/mpp](http://www.sfu.ca/mpp)
- a one-page essay that explains why the applicant wishes to pursue the MPP degree
- a student whose first language is not English and whose undergraduate degrees were from institutions where English is not the language of instruction are required to submit TOEFL and Test of Written English scores
- GRE score for non-Canadian degree applicants

### Program Requirements

The candidate must complete a total of ten core MPP courses, a summer co-op/internship, and four additional elective courses that must be approved by the School of Public Policy director.

#### Year One

Students complete a total of 40 units, including all of

- MPP 800-5 Introduction to Public Policy Issues
- MPP 801-5 Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis I
- MPP 802-5 Economic Foundations of Policy Analysis II
- MPP 803-5 Political Foundations of Policy Analysis I
- MPP 804-5 Political Foundations of Policy Analysis II
- MPP 805-5 Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods I
- MPP 806-5 Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods II
- MPP 807-5 Introduction to Policy Analysis

In the summer term, the co-op/internship course MPP 850 is completed as well.

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