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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	December 3, 2021
FROM	Wade Parkhouse, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/2
RE:	Program Changes		

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of December 2, 2021 SCUS approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2022.

a. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 21-88)**1. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

- (i) Requirement changes to all Bachelor of Arts (BA) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences degree programs and degree requirements

b. Beedie School of Business (SCUS 21-89)

- (i) Upper division requirement changes of a minor editorial nature for the:

- Business and Communication Joint Major
- Business and Economics Joint Major
- Business and Geography Joint Major
- Business and Psychology Joint Major
- Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major
- Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BA or BUS)
- Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BSc)
- Business and Economics Joint Honours
- Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major

- (ii) Lower division and admission requirement changes of a minor editorial nature to the Business and Psychology Joint Major

c. Faculty of Environment (SCUS 21-90)

1. Department of Geography

- (i) Program requirement changes of a minor editorial nature to the Geographic Information Science Certificate



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ATTENTION Wade Parkhouse
Chair, Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

FROM Lara Campbell
Chair, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum
Committee (FASSUCC)

Lara Campbell

RE FASSUCC Proposals

DATE November 1, 2021

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The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee met on October 14, 2021 and passed the following motions

Please place the following items on the agenda for the December 2nd, 2021 SCUS Meeting.

Program Modifications **FASSUCC 21-11**
(effective Fall 2022)

Moved By: Steeve Mongrain **Seconded by:** Tiffany Muller Myrdahl
All In Favour

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- (i.) Calendar Changes, Program GPA calculation and clarification for all FASS Programs

Sincerely,

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Memorandum to: Dr. Lara Campbell, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programming, Learning and Teaching, Student Experience, FASS
CC: Steve Birnie, Associate Registrar, Information, Records and Registration Services
From: Dr. Bettina B. Cenerelli
Subject: Program GPA – Calendar clarification (FASS)
Date: October 6, 2021

In Spring 2020, SCUS undertook the task to make the Program GPA calculations more coherent, with the intention of increasing fairness, transparency, and consistency across Faculties, particularly to students enrolled in minor programs.

Since its inception, FASS always included all subject matter courses in Program GPA calculations; to be able to continue with this approach despite the changes introduced by SCUS, we introduced specific calendar language at the FASS UCC meeting in February 2020 (which was reflected in the academic calendar in Fall 2021). The language was intended to ensure that all students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts would complete the same requirements. We also intended that this rule would apply to students who graduated with a double minor, one of which was completed in a different Faculty. Our intention to apply this to all students graduating with a BA in FASS may not have been clearly understood by SCUS and other committees approving the change at the time.

It has become clear since that FASS' presumption at the time was incorrect: even if a student is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in FASS, but with one minor from a different Faculty, the rules of that other Faculty would apply to the minor. FASS rules would not supersede the original Faculty rules for the minor.

Our FASS students now find themselves considerably disadvantaged in relation to any other SFU student: while only minimum program requirements are now counted toward Program GPA calculations, all courses are counted toward the calculation of Program CGPAs in FASS programs.

FASS proposes to return to the original formulation in the calendar and to delete the Faculty-level degree requirements introduced as of Fall 2021 that require a 2.0 minimum Program CGPA in all subject matter courses. All university requirements will remain, but will be listed under the Faculty requirements for clarification to the students. It remains possible for individual departments in FASS to introduce additional minimum grade requirements for their respective programs as expressively permitted in the current calendar language. FASS encourages departments to reflect upon their Program GPA requirements, particularly in relation to interdisciplinary programs.

FASS is hopeful that this clarification on the Faculty-level degree requirements will provide additional consistency, fairness and transparency.

Impact

Calendar language:

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Degree Requirements

For all Bachelor of Arts (BA) programs, students complete 120 units, which includes

- at least 60 units that must be completed at Simon Fraser University
- at least 45 upper division units, of which at least 30 upper division units must be completed at Simon Fraser University
- at least 60 units (including 21 upper division units) in Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences courses
- satisfaction of the writing, quantitative, and breadth requirements
- an overall cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and upper division overall CGPA of at least 2.0, and program CGPA and upper division program CGPA of at least 2.0 on the course work used to satisfy the minimum program requirements. FASS Departments may define additional GPA requirements for their respective programs.
- ~~an overall cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and upper division CGPA of at least 2.0, and a minimum CGPA and upper division CGPA of at least 2.0 across all units in each subject that is a major, a joint major, a minor, or an extended minor. FASS Departments may define specific requirements for their respective programs.~~

APR language:

BA Degree Requirements

1. Minimum 120 units
2. Minimum 60 units taken at SFU
3. Minimum 45 Upper Division units
4. Minimum 30 Upper Division units taken at SFU
5. Minimum 65 Arts or BUEC units
6. Minimum 21 Arts or BUEC Upper Division units
7. Minimum 2.00 CGPA across all units taken at SFU
8. Minimum 2.00 UDGPA across all Upper Division units taken at SFU 8. Minimum 2.00 UDGPA across all Upper Division units taken at SFU
9. ~~Minimum 2.0 CGPA across all units taken in the major or minor subject~~
10. ~~Minimum 2.0 UDGPA across all upper division units taken in the major or minor subject~~



Name of Program or Name of Faculty Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)
Rationale for change: Alignment with university-wide changes
Effective term and year: Fall 2022
The following program(s) will be affected by these changes: All Bachelor of Arts (BA) FASS degree programs and degree requirements

Calendar Change: “to” and “from” sections are not required. All deletions should be crossed out as follows: ~~sample~~. All additions should be marked by a **bold**.

<p>Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Degree Requirements</p> <p>For all Bachelor of Arts (BA) programs, students complete 120 units, which includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •at least 60 units that must be completed at Simon Fraser University •at least 45 upper division units, of which at least 30 upper division units must be completed at Simon Fraser University •at least 60units (including 21 upper division units) in Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences courses •satisfaction of the writing, quantitative, and breadth requirements •an overall cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and upper division overall CGPA of at least 2.0, and program CGPA and upper division program CGPA of at least 2.0 on the course work used to satisfy the minimum program requirements. FASS Departments may define additional GPA requirements for their respective programs. •an overall cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and upper division CGPA of at least 2.0, and minimum CGPA and upper division CGPA of at least 2.0 across all units attempted in each subject that is a major, a joint major, a minor, or an extended minor. FASS Departments may define specific requirements for their respective programs.
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<p>Name of Program or Name of Faculty Beedie School of Business</p>
<p>Rationale for change: Business 360W is a pre-requisite requirement for all 400 level Business courses however, approved joint major students may have BUS 360W waived as part of their program requirements. Existing calendar language does not reflect that students are required to have in progress, or completed an acceptable alternate upper division W course as a pre-requisite for entry into 400 level Business courses.</p>
<p>Effective term and year: Fall 2022</p>
<p>The following program(s) will be affected by these changes:</p> <p>Business and Communication Joint Major Business and Economics Joint Major Business and Geography Joint Major Business and Psychology Joint Major Business, Philosophy, and the Law Joint Major Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BA/BUS) Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major (BSc) Business and Economics Joint Honours Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major</p>

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<p>Business and Communication Joint Major Business and Geography Joint Major</p> <p>Business Core Courses</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>BUS 360W is recommended but not required. BUS 360W will be waived as a prerequisite for 400 division BUS business courses for those in approved in Business BUS joint programs, provided that an alternative approved upper division W course is</p>
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in progress, or has been completed. Students should consult with a Beedie School of Business Academic Advisor for further information on obtaining a waiver.

BUS 360W must be completed at Simon Fraser University in accordance with the WQB requirements.

[...]

**Business and Economics Joint Major
Business, Philosophy and the Law Joint Major
Business and Psychology Joint Major
Business and Economics Joint Honours**

Core Courses

[...]

BUS 360W is recommended but not required. BUS 360W will be waived as a prerequisite for 400 division **BUS business** courses for those in approved **in Business BUS** joint programs, **provided that an alternative approved upper division W course is in progress, or has been completed. Students should consult with a Beedie School of Business Academic Advisor for further information on obtaining a waiver.**

BUS 360W must be completed at Simon Fraser University in accordance with the WQB requirements.

**Interactive Arts and Business Joint Major BA or BUS
Interactive Arts and Business Joint Major BSc**

Upper Division Business Requirements

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BUS 360W is ~~highly~~ recommended but not required. BUS 360W will be waived as a prerequisite for 400 division **BUS business** courses for those in approved **BUS in Business** joint programs, **provided that an alternative approved upper division W course is in progress, or has been completed. Students should consult with a Beedie School of Business Academic Advisor for further information on obtaining a waiver.**

BUS 360W must be completed at Simon Fraser University in accordance with the WQB requirements.

[...]

Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major

Upper Division Requirements

[...]

and fifteen additional upper division CMPT units, excluding CMPT 301. At least one of the courses must be at the 400 division or above.

BUS 360W is recommended but not required. BUS 360W will be waived as a prerequisite for 400 division business courses for those approved in Business joint programs, provided that an alternate approved upper division W course is in progress, or has been completed. Students should consult with a Beedie School of Business Academic advisor for further information on obtaining a waiver.

BUS 360W must be completed at Simon Fraser University in accordance with the WQB requirements.

[...]



Name of Program or Name of Faculty Business and Psychology Joint Major
Rationale for change: PSYC 210 and STAT 270 have been deemed to be acceptable courses for admission to the Business portion of the BUS/PSYC JMA program. Additionally, removing the BUS 336 requirement for admission to the PSYC portion of the JMA program aligns with internal admission transfer pathways and encourages earlier declaration into the joint major program.
Effective term and year: Fall 2022
The following program(s) will be affected by these changes: Business and Psychology Joint Major

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Admission Requirements - Beedie School of Business Joint Major applicants should apply to Beedie through the internal transfer process, which is outlined here , in the term in which their 45th unit will be completed, including the eight lower division courses required for admission. Students will need to complete BUS 336 (min C-) in their first term in Beedie in order to obtain a waiver for PSYC 210, which is required for admission to the Psychology portion of the joint major. Students not accepted upon initial application may reapply. Unsuccessful candidates are permitted to appeal. Application Deadlines Visit https://beedie.sfu.ca/programs/undergraduate/bba-major/how-to-apply for application deadlines. Admission Requirements – Psychology To be admitted to the Psychology portion of this program, students must complete PSYC 100 - Introduction to Psychology I (3)

PSYC 102 - Introduction to Psychology II (3)
PSYC 201W - Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology (4) with a grade of C (2.0) or better

and complete

PSYC 210 - Introduction to Data Analysis in Psychology (4) or
STAT 270 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics (3) or
BUS 232 - Data and Decisions I (4) ~~and BUS 336 - Data and Decisions II (4) with a grade of C- (1.67) or better~~

COURSE SELECTION

Students should complete PSYC 100, 102 and 201 as soon as possible to gain better access to upper division PSYC courses. Students who plan a major in psychology should also complete PSYC 210. Students who have completed BUS 232 ~~and BUS 336 with grades of C- or better~~ are eligible for a waiver of PSYC 210.

The Psychology Department strongly recommends that students do not leave any of these required courses to the end of their degree. If a student is unable to obtain the required grade in PSYC 201, he or she will not be able to graduate with a major in psychology.

To enroll in psychology courses, students are required to meet the prerequisites or special instructions that may be stipulated for each. The listed prerequisites indicate the minimal background expected by instructors.

The Psychology Department reserves one hundred percent of all 300 and 400 division PSYC courses for approved psychology major, minor or honours students. Those who are not approved cannot enroll in these upper division courses until the open enrollment date.

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Business Requirements

LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

Students complete all of

~~BUS 232 - Data and Decisions I (4)~~
BUS 217W - Critical Thinking in Business (3)
BUS 237 - Introduction to Business Technology Management (3)
BUS 251 - Financial Accounting I (3)
BUS 254 - Managerial Accounting I (3)
BUS 272 - Behaviour in Organizations (3)
ECON 103 - Principles of Microeconomics (4)
ECON 105 - Principles of Macroeconomics (4)

And one of

BUS 232- Data and Decisions I (4)

PSYC 210 – Introduction to Data Analysis in Psychology (4)

STATS 270 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics (3)

and one of

MATH 150 - Calculus I with Review (4)

MATH 151 - Calculus I (3)

MATH 154 - Calculus I for the Biological Sciences (3)

MATH 157 - Calculus I for the Social Sciences (3)

and one of*

ENGL 111W - Literary Classics in English (3)

ENGL 112W - Literature Now (3)

ENGL 113W - Literature and Performance (3)

ENGL 114W - Language and Purpose (3)

ENGL 115W - Literature and Culture (3)

ENGL 199W - Writing to Persuade (3)

PHIL 100W - Knowledge and Reality (3)

PHIL 105 - Critical Thinking (3)

PHIL 110 - Introduction to Logic and Reasoning (3)

PHIL 120W - Moral and Legal Problems (3)

PHIL 150 - Great Works in the History of Philosophy (3)

WL 101W - Writing in World Literature (3)

WL 103W - Early World Literatures (3)

WL 104W - Modern World Literatures (3)

WL 105W - World Literature Lab (3)

It is recommended that students complete BUS 202 - Foundations for Collaborative Work Environments (3) in order to ensure they possess the foundational skills in communication and collaborating necessary for successful completion of upper division business coursework. Students wishing to register in BUS 202 should consult with an Undergraduate Academic Advisor in the Beedie School of Business.

*Any one of these courses may be replaced by any three unspecified transfer units in English or in ENGL-Writing at the 100- or 200-level.



Calendar Entry Change Department of Geography

Rationale for change:
W version of course was inadvertently excluded from the initial program modification form
Effective term and year: Fall 2022
The following program(s) will be affected by these changes: GIS Certificate

Calendar Change: “to” and “from” sections are not required. All deletions should be crossed out as follows: ~~sample~~. All additions should be marked by a **bold**.

<p>...</p> <p>Program Requirements</p> <p>Students complete the following courses including all of</p> <p>GEOG 251 - Quantitative Geography (3)</p> <p>GEOG 253 - Introduction to Remote Sensing (3)</p> <p>GEOG 255 - Geographical Information Science I (3)</p> <p>and three of the following</p> <p>GEOG 351 - Multimedia Cartography (4)</p> <p>GEOG 352 - Spatial Analysis (4)</p> <p>GEOG 353 - Advanced Remote Sensing (4)</p> <p>GEOG 355 - Geographical Information Science II (4)</p> <p>GEOG 356 - 3D Geovisualization (4)</p> <p>GEOG 451 - Spatial Modeling (4)</p> <p>GEOG 453 - Theoretical and Applied Remote Sensing (4)</p> <p>GEOG 455 - Theoretical and Applied GIS (4) or GEOG 455W - Theoretical and Applied GIS (4)</p> <p>GEOG 457 - Geovisualization Interfaces (4)</p>
