

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Senate

**From:** J. M. Munro, Chair  
Senate Committee on Academic Planning

**Subject:** Faculty of Arts -  
Curriculum revisions  
(SCUS Reference: SCUS 99-21)  
(SCAP Reference: SCAP 99-43)

**Date:** December 10, 1999

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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Senate Committee on Academic Planning gives rise to the following motion:

**Motion:**

“that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.00 - 5 , the following:

Proposed Certificate in Hellenic Studies

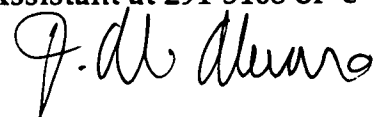
**For Information:**

Acting under delegated authority of Senate, SCUS approved revisions as set forth in S.00 - 5 , as follows:

Community Economic Development Centre

- i) Change of requirements for PBD Program
- ii) Change of requirements for Certificate Program

Any Senator wishing to consult the full report of curriculum revisions within the Faculty of Arts should contact Bobbie Grant, Senate Assistant at 291-3168 or e-mail [bgrant@sfu.ca](mailto:bgrant@sfu.ca)



## HELLENIC STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Hellenic Studies is by definition an interdisciplinary field that has developed in the last decade. Generally Hellenic Studies is based on the study of Greek antiquity, Graeco-Roman civilization, the Byzantine Empire, the Ottoman period in Southeast Europe and Asia Minor and the modern Greek world. This spectrum of disciplines includes: language, literature, history, music, religion, archaeology, politics, philosophy, art, culture and civilization.

However, in North America Hellenic Studies is either offered within a department of Classics or in the form of interdisciplinary programs specializing in language (usually modern Greek), history or comparative literature. The challenge facing institutions that offer Hellenic Studies is to provide a pattern of courses that prepares the student to understand the fundamental elements of this new field, and channels that student in the specialization that can be accomplished within the resources of the institution.

The strength of Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University is based on history and language. Few institutions offer the opportunity for students to take a comprehensive study of Greek history complemented by a selection of courses in literature, philosophy and political science.

The Hellenic Studies Certificate at Simon Fraser University offers the student two avenues of study, one for those interested in acquiring a general knowledge, and another for those with an interest in graduate studies in history. In order to benefit from the interdisciplinary approach to this program, both types of student will complete a core of courses including history (ancient and modern) aspects of literature, political science and studies in antiquity.

The intention of the certificate is to provide the student with a basic understanding of the Hellenic world from ancient times to the present. Students will be exposed to several disciplines affording them the opportunity to establish an intellectual appreciation of both ancient and modern Hellenism.

## CERTIFICATE IN HELLENIC STUDIES

The certificate, which requires a minimum of 24 hours of credit, is offered to both students with a general interest in Hellenic studies and students interested in pursuing graduate studies in Greek history. Students planning to pursue graduate studies in Greek history are advised to take two language courses.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure completion of prerequisites for upper division courses.

### REQUIREMENTS:

Three of the following (9 credits):

HUM 102-3 Classical Mythology  
HUM 201-3 Great Texts in Humanities I  
HIST 216-3 The Ancient World  
HUM 151-3 Ancient Greek I  
HUM 152-3 Ancient Greek II  
HEL(LANG) 110-3 Modern Greek I  
HEL(LANG) 160-3 Modern Greek II

Plus:

Four of the following (15 or 16 credits):

HUM 302-4 The Golden Age of Greece  
HIST 308-4 The Byzantine Empire  
PHIL 350-3 Ancient Philosophy  
HIST 390-4 Early Modern Greece  
HIST 421-4 Modern Greece, 1864-1925  
HIST 422-4 Greece, 1935-1944: Occupation and Resistance

A student who successfully completes all four language courses (HUM 151, HUM 152, LANG 110, and LANG160) need take only 3 courses from the Upper Division list.

Students may take Special topics courses in place of the courses listed above with the approval of the Advisor.