

MEMORANDUM

To..... Senate.....

From..Office.of.the.Dean.of.Graduate.Studies

Subject. Graduate Curriculum Changes -
Department of History

Date..... June 23, 1987.....

Action undertaken by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, at its Meeting on June 22, 1987, gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-18 , the proposed change in the Department of History:

Delete: The Department will require a reading knowledge of any language relevant to the student's research. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate an ability to read French.

Add: Students will be required to demonstrate a reading ability in one language, other than English, that is acceptable to the Supervisory Committee. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate an ability to read French. Ability will be determined by a time-limited examination consisting of the translation of a passage of history in the particular language. A dictionary will be permitted"

B.P. Clayman
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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MEMORANDUM

To..... Dr. B. Clayman, Dean Graduate Studies	From..... Dr. M.C. Roberts, Chairman Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee
Subject..... Curriculum Revision	Date..... June 15, 1987

The Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee, at its meeting of 3 June 1987, recommended changes to the History graduate curriculum as outlined in the attached.

If these changes require Senate approval, please place these items on the agenda of the next meeting of Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

Thank you.

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M.C. Roberts

cc: Marian McGinn

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MEMORANDUM

To.....Mike Roberts, AssociateDean of Arts	From.....J. I. Little, ChairmanGraduate Studies CommitteeHistory Department
Subject.....Graduate Revisions - History	Date.....9 April 1987

The History Department has recently adopted the following minor revisions to its Graduate Program. I assume they will not need Senate approval?

1. The second language requirement to be changed as follows:

From:

"The Department will require a reading knowledge of any language relevant to the student's research. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate an ability to read French."

To:

"Students will be required to demonstrate a reading ability in one language, other than English, that is acceptable to the supervisory committee. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate an ability to read French. Ability will be determined by a time-limited examination consisting of the translation of a passage of history in the particular language. A dictionary will be permitted.

2. In future, applicants to the Ph.D. programme will be required to submit an example of their written work.
3. Remove Ph.D. "Thesis Areas of Specialization" from calendar. Other minor editorial changes. [see attached].

J. I. Little
Chairman
Graduate Studies Committee

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Enclosures

Admission of Graduate Students

Admission for M.A. students will be in the Fall semester only, and for Ph.D. students in either the Fall or Spring semesters. Applications for Fall admission should be completed by March 1 of that year, and applications for Spring admission by October 15 of the previous year.

Ph.D. applicants must submit a sample of their written work from earlier or ongoing graduate studies.

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M.A. PROGRAM

CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

Candidates for the M.A. degree must satisfy the minimum entrance requirements set by the university; namely, at least a 3.0 average or its equivalent. In addition, the department requires a 3.25 average or its equivalent in the major subject over the last two years of the undergraduate program. A degree in a discipline related to History may be accepted in some cases.

Programs of Study

Upon admission into the Graduate program, each student will be assigned a supervisor. For information of the supervisory committee see *General Regulations*, page 211. All candidates for the M.A. degree must satisfy the following minimum requirements, totalling 30 semester hours:

1. 20 semester hours of course work of which at least 15 semester hours must be in graduate courses in the department. Each year at least two seminars of two-semester length (ten semester hours) will be offered, one in Canadian History, the other in European History. A third two-semester seminar may be offered in another field when student numbers warrant. All students will be required to take at least one of these two part sequences of courses, HIST 806 and 807, or HIST 808 and 809, or HIST 810 and 811, which will be available in the Fall and Spring semesters. The remaining courses required to complete the degree will be offered, in most cases (with the exception of History 800-5), as individual single-semester study courses (five semester hours each). Students with significant financial support from fellowships or scholarships will be expected to take a full course load each semester; those with T.A.ships or R.A.ships may extend their course load over a maximum of three semesters, but will be expected to begin thesis research in the third semester.
2. A thesis of 10 semester hours. Before beginning the research semester, the student must prepare a thesis prospectus which indicates the nature of the problem, the availability and accessibility of the relevant materials, etc. After consultation with the senior supervisor, the prospectus must be submitted to a meeting of the supervisory committee for its suggestions and approval.

with a maximum length of 100 pages. Through his/her thesis the student must demonstrate his/her ability to make an original contribution to knowledge, either through the discovery and analysis of new information or through the exercise of independent critical power.

Under certain circumstances, the department may consent to the awarding of the M.A. degree on the basis of course work and extended essays only. In place of the thesis, the candidate must complete an additional ten semester hours in course work and must submit to the Examining Committee three extended essays, based on course work.

Language Requirements

The department will require a reading knowledge of any language relevant to the student's research. Students proposing to study Canadian History must demonstrate an ability to read French.

The Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics offers courses to help Graduate students to meet language requirements.

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PH.D. PROGRAM

General

Prospective candidates for the Ph.D. degree should be advised that the degree is granted in recognition of the student's general grasp of the subject matter of a broad area of study; for his/her ability to think critically; and for his/her power to analyse and coordinate problems and data from allied fields of study. Through his/her thesis the student must demonstrate his/her ability to make an original contribution to knowledge, either through the discovery and analysis of new information or through the exercise of independent critical power.

A student ordinarily will be admitted to the Ph.D. program after completion of an M.A. or its equivalent. Applicants with a B.A. applying directly to the Ph.D. program must have at least a 3.5 GPA or its equivalent. Candidates for the M.A. degree at SFU, after successful completion of two semesters and a GPA of 3.5 in 10 semester hours of course-work

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Students may apply who wish to prepare theses in one of the following areas of specialization:

- Colonial and
Imperial Studies:** European Background to Colonialism and Imperialism
European Expansion into the Americas, 1500-1800
European Expansion into the Near East and North Africa, 1898-1914
European Expansion into Sub-Saharan Africa to 1919
Colonialism and Imperialism in British Settlement Colonies, 1800-1950
Imperialism and Neo-Colonialism in Modern Latin America
Conceptions of Imperialism and Colonialism
Imperialism and Colonialism in International Relations
Imperialism in the 20th Century Middle East and North Africa
Colonialism and Imperialism and the Problems of Development
The Mandates and Inter-War Imperialism
- Canadian Studies:** British Columbia
British North America to Confederation
Canada Since Confederation
- Afro-Asian Studies:** Aspects of the Indigenous History of Sub-Saharan Africa
Modernization in the Middle East and North Africa, 19th and 20th Centuries
- European Studies:** European International Relations since the Early 19th Century
European Social History since the 17th Century
Germany since the 18th Century
Russia: Late Imperial; Early Bolshevik Foreign Policy

Program of Study

Upon admission into the graduate program, each student will be assigned a faculty supervisor. For information of the Supervisory Committee see *General Regulations*, page 211. The Supervisory Committee and student shall determine three fields of study, at least two of which will be chosen from the list printed below. A third field may be chosen within or outside the Department of History with permission of the Graduate Studies Committee. The student and each field supervisor will agree as soon as possible upon a general list of readings upon which the field examination will be based. No formal course work is required. The written examinations in the three fields will be taken in one two-week period and an oral comprehensive exam will follow within one month. Each written examination will be three hours in length, and will consist of two or three questions to be chosen from a broader list. A "fail", "pass", or "pass with distinction" will be assigned to each field by the field supervisor after the completion of the oral examination. A student who fails one of the fields, and one only, will be permitted to sit that examination once again. This examination will be in written form only, with a second reader chosen from the Supervisory Committee. The field examinations will normally be taken during the student's fourth semester of enrolment in the Ph.D. program.

Ph.D. Fields

- Canada: pre-1850
Canada: post-1850
France since 1789
Germany since the 18th Century
Russia since Peter the Great
The British Isles since 1485
European International Relations since the Early 19th Century
European Social History
European Cultural History
Women and the Family in North America and Europe
State and Society in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Empire
State and Society in the Twentieth Century Middle East
Imperialism and Diplomacy in the Middle East
British and Modern India
Sub-Saharan Africa since ca. 1800
European Settlement in Africa
United States to 1890
United States since 1890
Colonial Latin America
Latin America Since Independence

but students are expected to participate in the relevant graduate seminar.

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