

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.74-4

MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Subject GRADUATE STUDIES - DEPARTMENT OF
MODERN LANGUAGES CALENDAR CHANGES

Date DECEMBER 7, 1973

MOTION: "That Senate approve, as set forth in S.74-4,
that LING 700-5 be graded on a Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory (S/U) basis."

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To: Members of Senate

From: Office of the Dean
of Graduate Studies

Subject: Department of Modern
Languages Calendar Changes

Date: December 7, 1973

The following motion was approved by the Executive
Committee of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
on December 3, 1973, and is now being forwarded to
Senate for approval:

MOTION: That Ling 700-5 be graded on a Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory (S/U) basis.

RATIONALE: This seminar is designed to equip the need
of those students who have been admitted to
the graduate program but who have no prior
training in Linguistics, the purpose being
to give such students sufficient background
in Linguistics so that they may then be able
to undertake graduate studies in Linguistics
without further impediment.



Jon Wheatley
Dean of Graduate Studies

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GRADUATE CALENDAR

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

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Change in Description: Add: "*Grading will be restricted Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U)*".

Rationale for Grading on S/U Basis:

This seminar is designed to equip the need of those students who have been admitted to the graduate program but who have no prior training in Linguistics, the purpose being to give such students sufficient background in Linguistics so that they may then be able to undertake graduate studies in Linguistics without further impediment.

We wish to institute the practice of recording the students' performance as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. The course is not part of the student's formal program of studies and carries no credit towards the degree. Our concern is simply to establish that the student is sufficiently advanced to embark on his/her program of studies; until that moment, the student will continue to work under the guidance of a supervisor or will be dropped from the program as unqualified to be admitted as a formal fully qualified graduate student in Linguistics. Since therefore the whole purpose of the seminar is to establish the student's qualification as a graduate student in Linguistics, since successful conclusion of the seminar merely indicates that the student can now embark on a normal graduate program, since unsatisfactory performance will prevent this, and since no credit is involved, it does not seem that the usual grading of A, B, P, F is in this instance appropriate and for this reason the Department of Modern Languages would like to substitute the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory system of grading.