

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.72-91

## MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject DOUBLE MAJOR PROGRAMS

Date JULY 17, 1972

Senate is requested to approve the recognition of Double Major Programs as set forth in Paper S.72-91:

- MOTION:
- A. "That Senate formally approve the recognition of a double major program, with entry of both majors completed to appear on transcripts.
  - B. That the student electing a double major be required to complete at least 28 hours of upper division courses in each of the two subjects in which majors are to be claimed. The subject matter to be taken for each major will be defined by the Department concerned subject to approval by the Faculty and by Senate, as in current practice.
  - D. That the student electing a double major be required to complete (i) the lower division requirements for each of the major subjects selected, and (ii) all other requirements of the departments concerned in which he takes majors, and (iii) the requirements of the Faculty in which he will receive his degree.

- D. That upon successful completion of the program the Bachelor's Degree awarded will be determined according to the Faculty for which all requirements have been met or, if the requirements of more than one Faculty have been met, then from whichever one Faculty the student selects."

If the above motion is approved, the following motion will be made:

"That Notes 1, 2, and 3 of Paper S.72-91 form part of the calendar entry:

1. For the requirement of at least 28 hours of upper division courses in each of two subjects the student cannot use the same upper division course for formal credit toward both majors. One course might fulfill "content" requirements of two related areas but in such a case additional replacement credits in upper division work satisfactory to one of the Departments must be taken in one of the subjects to fulfill overall credit requirements for the majors. At the lower division level a single course could fulfill both content and credit requirements as a prerequisite but no course can carry double credit value towards total credits needed for a degree.
2. Students are cautioned to refer carefully to overall requirements of the Faculties and Divisions of the University for degree requirements, as the requirements

for a specific degree must be fulfilled. If in doubt seek advice from the Office of the Dean, or from Departmental Advisors, or from the Academic Advice Centre. Note that some Departments require specific prerequisite courses for entry to some upper level courses, and some Faculties require completion of a minimum number of upper division courses taken during the upper levels of study to fulfill degree conditions. Some Faculties require completion of a minimum number of credits within that Faculty to qualify for a degree. In some instances, therefore, a student for a double major involving subjects in more than one Faculty may require more than 120 semester hours to fulfill the requirements of the General Degree with two majors.

3. A student who may have elected a double major degree program may change decision to graduate with a single major and may do so provided the normal requirements for the single major and requirements for the Faculty concerned have been fulfilled. Notification of such changes should be filed with the Departments concerned and the Office of the Registrar."

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S.72-91

## MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From I. MUGRIDGE, CHAIRMAN

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject DOUBLE MAJOR PROGRAMS

Date JULY 17, 1972

The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has approved the recognition of Double Major Programs, as set forth in SCUS 72-11, and recommends approval by Senate.

If the recommendation is approved, the Committee further recommends the inclusion of Notes 1, 2, and 3 to form part of the calendar entry.



I. Mugridge

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY <sup>SCUS 72-11</sup> As amended and approved  
by SCUS, July 10, 1972.

MEMORANDUM

To ALL MEMBERS - SCUS

From H. M. EVANS, SECRETARY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject DOUBLE MAJOR PROGRAM

Date JULY 20, 1971

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. That Senate formally approve the recognition of a double major program, with entry of both majors completed to appear on transcripts.
- B. That the student electing a double major be required to complete at least 28 hours of upper division courses in each of the two subjects in which majors are to be claimed. The subject matter to be taken for each major will be defined by the Department concerned subject to approval by the Faculty and by Senate, as in current practice.
- C. That the student electing a double major be required to complete (i) the lower division requirements for each of the major subjects selected, and (ii) all other requirements of the departments concerned in which he takes majors, and (iii) the requirements of the Faculty in which he will receive his degree.
- D. That upon successful completion of the program the Bachelor's Degree awarded will be determined according to the Faculty for which all requirements have been met or, if the requirements of more than one Faculty have been met, then from whichever one Faculty the student selects.

Note:

1. For the requirement of at least 28 hours of upper division courses in each of two subjects the student cannot use the same upper division course for formal credit toward both majors. One course might fulfill "content" requirements of two related areas but in such a case additional replacement credits in upper division work satisfactory to one of the Departments must be taken in one of the subjects to fulfill overall credit requirements for the majors. At the lower division level a single course could fulfill both content and credit requirements as a pre-requisite but no course can carry double credit value towards total credits needed for a degree.
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3. A student who may have elected a double major degree program may change decision to graduate with a single major and may do so provided the normal requirements for the single major and requirements for the Faculty concerned have been fulfilled. Notification of such changes should be filed with the Departments concerned and the Office of the Registrar.

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Explanation and Some Implications of the above Recommendations

- A. Section A recognizes that for some time some students have fulfilled degree requirements including requirements of more than one full departmental major, - with a unique situation of indicating only one major on transcript but filing a special letter in the student's docket in the Registrar's Office to state completion of two majors. It regularizes entry of both majors on transcripts. The remainder of the paper sets conditions to be fulfilled.
- B. Section B follows current practice requiring that the student complete at least 28 hours of upper division work as set forth by a Department (approved by Faculty and by Senate) to complete the major course requirements. No change in operating practice is intended. (Note that at present in Arts the requirement is 30 upper division hours taken in the upper levels; in Science the requirements is 28 or more upper division hours usually taken in the upper levels because of prerequisites and Calendar wording; and in Education is normally 30 upper division hours taken in the upper levels with provision for minor + minor = major.)
- C. Section C identifies that to qualify for a given major the normal current requirements for the major of the Department must be fulfilled (including credits, specified courses, grade points, etc.) and that the Faculty requirements for a given degree must be fulfilled, i.e. B.A., B.Sc., B.Ed., etc.
- D. Section D stipulates that for any degree, the requirements of the Faculty for that degree must be completed. It assumes that within a Faculty there is reasonable likelihood of a double major situation without requirement of extra credits needed for the degree (e.g. History/Geography). It permits of a double major situation across Faculties (e.g. Economics/Mathematics) requiring completion of the technical requirements for each independent department's major (as apart from the conditions of both Faculties) but completion of the full requirements of at least the one Faculty from which the degree will be obtained. If

a student fulfills requirements of more than one Faculty he can select whichever one of the degrees he desires.

- E. The notes set forth conditions allowing certain recognition of "content" without double credit recognition; advise students to observe most carefully the Faculty requirements and seek advice; allow the student to opt for a single major.
- F. The overall paper is designed to recognize current regulations but to set a condition of overall policy allowing for regulation changes within Faculties without necessity of immediately resubmitting these broad principles and regulations for immediate further change at Senate.