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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** April 12, 2022
FROM Jeff Derksen,
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies
Committee (SGSC)
RE: Program changes

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of April 12, 2022, SGSC approved the following curriculum items, effective **Spring 2023**:

Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

Department of Humanities

- 1) Program Change: Humanities MA

Department of Psychology

- 2) Program Change: Psychology MA

Faculty of Communication, Art & Technology

School of Communication

- 3) Program Change: Communication MA



MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Dr. Jeff Derksen, SGSC Chair Ex-officio **DATE** 25 March 2022
FROM Sean Zwagerman, FASSSGSC **PAGES** 6
RE: MA name change

Dear Dr. Derksen et al.,

The following program change has been approved by the Humanities Department faculty and is forwarded to the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for approval. This program change should be effective for Spring 2023. Please include it on the next SGSC agenda.

The request for a name change to “Global Humanities Master of Arts” accords with our recent department name change to “Department of Global Humanities”. We have several continuing faculty members researching and teaching different geographical areas and traditions; the new name represents more accurately who we are and what we offer in terms of supervision and MA thesis potential.

The HUM graduate program assistant circulated a web survey regarding the proposed name change to HUM voting faculty on March 11, 2022. Faculty ratified this proposal by March 15, 2022 (8 of 11 eligible faculty voted to approve, 2 faculty abstained from voting, and 1 faculty member approved via email). Please find attached a screenshot of the survey results, the emailed ballot, as well as the notice sent to faculty regarding the vote. Finally, please note that there will be no change to the course titles; they will remain listed as "HUM".

Sincerely,

Sean Zwagerman

Sean Zwagerman
Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences



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ATTENTION Dr. Sean Zwagerman, FASSSGSC Chair **DATE** 15 March 2022

FROM Dr. Erini Kotsovili, HUM GPA Interim Chair **PAGES** 6

RE: HUM MA name change

Dear Dr. Zwagerman et al.,

The Department of Global Humanities approved the following program change. We ask that this change, if approved, be effective Spring 2023.

Department of Global Humanities

- A request for a name change to “Global Humanities Master of Arts” accords with our recent department name change to “Department of Global Humanities”.

Please include it on the next FASS GSC agenda.

Sincerely,
E. Kotsovili

Eirini Kotsovili
Interim HUM GPC Chair

Calendar Entry Change for HUM MA

Summary of change: <i>Name change from Humanities MA to “Global Humanities MA”.</i>
Rationale for change: <i>The request follows a name change of our department. From “Department of Humanities” to “Department of Global Humanities” which has been approved by the Senate. The name changes of both Department and the HUM MA Program reflect the faculty’s scope in teaching, research and existing course offerings, focusing on texts, themes from different time periods, national and cultural contexts.</i>
Effective term and year: <i>Spring 2023</i>
Will this change impact current students? <i>No.</i> If yes, what is the plan for current students? <i>N/A.</i>

FROM	TO
Humanities	Global Humanities
Master of Arts Program	Master of Arts Program
[...]	[...]



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ATTENTION Jeff Derksen

FROM Sean Zwagerman, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

RE PSYC MA Breadth Course Requirements Wording

DATE March 16, 2022

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Dear Jeff,

By request of the Psychology Graduate Chair, I have approved the attached calendar change for the Department of Psychology by delegated authority. Since MA students currently may take PSYC and non-PSYC courses outside of their specialization to fulfill this requirement, the revised language constitutes a clarification rather than a substantive change.

Kind regards,

Sean Zwagerman
Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies,
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Associate Professor, Department of English

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Attention: Sean Zwagerman, Chair, FASSGSC

March 25, 2022

Dear Sean,

The Department of Psychology approved the following calendar entry changes. We ask that these changes, if approved, be effective Spring 2023.

Department of Psychology

- Changes to the wording of the Psychology MA Program's breadth course requirements.

Please include these curriculum items on the next FASS GSC agenda.

If you require additional information, I can be contacted by email (tracine@sfu.ca) or telephone (778-997-3942).

With sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Racine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "R".

Tim Racine

Calendar Entry Change for Psychology MA Program

Summary of change: Clarify the wording of breadth course requirements. Two graduate courses, PSYC and non-PSYC, can be taken outside of the student's specialization.
Rationale for change: The current statement may be confusing.
Effective term and year: Spring 2023
Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students? None.

FROM	TO
<p>Program Requirements</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>and two PSYC graduate courses outside of student's specialization area</p> <p>[...]</p>	<p>Program Requirements</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>and two graduate courses outside of student's specialization area</p> <p>[...]</p>



MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION:	Senate Graduate Studies Committee
FROM:	Philippe Pasquier, Chair, FCAT Graduate Studies Committee
RE:	School of Communication Curriculum Changes
DATE:	March 14, 2022

FCAT GSC has voted to approve the following change(s) at the FCAT GSC meeting that occurred on March 8, 2022:

School of Communication

- ~~New Course Proposal CMNS 849~~
 - ~~A new required core course for MA students pursuing completion of capstone projects focused on communication research social change~~
- CMNS MA Program Modification
 - Introducing CMNS 849 and 848 as prerequisite options for the MA program

Please add these items to the agenda of the upcoming SGSC meeting.

Philippe Pasquier, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Academic, FCAT Chair,
FCAT Graduate Studies Committee

stw/PP cc Enda Brophy, Graduate Program Chair, CMNS



To: FCAT Graduate Studies Committee
From: Stuart Poyntz, Professor and Director
Re: New Course Proposal (CMNS 849)
Date: February 25, 2022

The following changes have been approved by the School of Communication and is forwarded to the Faculty of Communication, Arts and Technology Graduate Studies Committee for review and approval:

~~New Course Proposal for CMNS 849~~

- Program Change form for the CMNS MA Program

If you require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Stuart Poyntz
Professor and Director
School of Communication

Attachments:

New Course Proposal, CMNS 849
Program Change Form

Calendar Entry Change for Communication Master of Arts

<p>Summary of change:</p> <p>Introduces new core course options (CMNS 848 and 849) for students.</p>
<p>Rationale for change:</p> <p>The School of Communication will seek to admit 6–10 MA students each year to complete an MA curricular option (focused on Communication Research for Social Change) culminating in the MA capstone.</p>
<p>Effective term and year:</p> <p>Spring 2023</p>
<p>Will this change impact current students? If yes, what is the plan for current students?</p> <p>No</p>

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<p>Communication</p> <p>MASTER OF ARTS</p> <p>The School of Communication approaches the study of communication using theoretical and methodological frameworks that are informed by the Social Sciences and Humanities. In both the MA and PhD programs graduate students design research projects that examine case studies, theoretical issues or practices using a communication framework, analyzing the political, economic and cultural implications for society at local and global levels.</p> <p>Admission Requirements</p> <p>Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulation 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Admission requires a bachelor of arts degree in communication or an equivalent degree.</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>MASTER OF ARTS</p> <p>The School of Communication approaches the study of communication using theoretical and methodological frameworks that are informed by the Social Sciences and Humanities. In both the MA and PhD programs graduate students design research projects that examine case studies, theoretical issues or practices using a communication framework, analyzing the political, economic and cultural implications for society at local and global levels.</p> <p>Admission Requirements</p> <p>Applicants must satisfy the University admission requirements as stated in Graduate General Regulation 1.3 in the SFU Calendar. Admission requires a bachelor of arts degree in communication or an equivalent degree.</p>

<p>Qualified applicants will be accepted only if the School of Communication's Graduate Program Committee (GPC) can identify faculty members from the School who have the capacity and required expertise to be supervisors for the applicants in question.</p> <p>Program Requirements</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Students must complete</p> <p>CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5)</p> <p>and one of</p> <p>CMNS 800 - Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies (5) CMNS 802 - History of Communication Theory (5) CMNS 804 - Seminar in Advanced Communication Theory (5) and one graduate course in CMNS</p> <p>and one graduate 5 unit elective course</p> <p>and one of two options</p>	<p>MA students will be admitted into a specific option (thesis or project) and so should apply to the preferred option. A student can change from one option to another only with the approval of the graduate program committee. A student can transfer to the thesis option only if there is a suitable supervisor available.</p> <p>Qualified applicants will be accepted only if the School of Communication's Graduate Program Committee (GPC) can identify faculty members from the School who have the capacity and required expertise to be supervisors for the applicants in question.</p> <p>Program Requirements</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Students must complete one of</p> <p>CMNS 800 - Contemporary Approaches in Communication Studies (5) CMNS 802 - History of Communication Theory (5) CMNS 804 - Seminar in Advanced Communication Theory (5) CMNS 848 – Communication and Global Social Justice (5)</p> <p>and one of</p> <p>CMNS 801 - Design and Methodology in Communication Research (5) CMNS 849 – Communication Research for Social Change (5)</p> <p>and two graduate courses in CMNS</p> <p>and one of two options</p>
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<p>OPTION 1</p> <p>and one of</p> <p>CMNS 893 - MA Project (6) CMNS 896 - MA Extended Essays (6) and an additional graduate 5-unit elective course</p> <p>OR OPTION 2</p> <p>and one of</p> <p>CMNS 897 - MA Project (10) CMNS 898 - MA Thesis (18)</p>	<p>OPTION 1</p> <p>5 units of graduate elective courses</p> <p>and one of</p> <p>CMNS 893 - MA Project (6) CMNS 896 - MA Extended Essays (6)</p> <p>OR OPTION 2</p> <p>and one of</p> <p>CMNS 897 - MA Project (10) CMNS 898 - MA Thesis (18)</p>
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