

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 71-8

MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE	From.....
	Executive Committee, Senate Committee on Graduate Studies
Subject..... New Graduate Courses - Economics 811-5 and 900-0	Date..... December 23, 1970.

I. Economics 811-5 - Advanced Monetary Theory

The Department of Economics & Commerce, in order to achieve a principle outlined below, recommended certain changes in course numbering and addition of a new course, with references being made to Economics 810-5, 812-5 and 814-5. At a later stage in review by various committees, the same principle was achieved without renumbering of other courses but merely with introduction of one new course, Economics 811-5.

The Executive Committee of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies approved the course, Economics 811-5 - Advanced Monetary Theory - in consultation with the Chairman of the Economics & Commerce Department to achieve the principles desired, and recommends the course to Senate for approval.

The Department of Economics & Commerce provided the following statement:-

" Although the Department of Economics and Commerce offers a Ph.D. field in Monetary Economics, there is at present only one course (Economics 810-5) which serves to prepare a student for the comprehensive examination in that field. Students planning to take the comprehensive examination in Monetary Economics find they must, in effect, do a "reading course", in addition to Economics 810, in order to be adequately prepared. It is usual, at this and at other North American Universities, to offer at least two courses, one semester in length, for each Ph.D. field.

Some idea of the extent of preparation necessary to prepare a Ph.D. field in Monetary Economics, and therefore of the necessity for at least two graduate Monetary courses, can be obtained by perusal of the attached reading list.

This proposal would not change Department staff requirements. "

II. Economics 900-0 - Economics Research Workshop

The Faculty of Arts and the Executive Committee of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies approved the course, Economics 900-0 - Economics Research Workshop - and recommends the course to Senate for approval.

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To.....Miss M. McGinn
.....Dr. N. Lincoln
.....Dr. J. Webster

From.....Z. Spindler, Chairman
.....Graduate Academic Program
.....Dept. of Economics & Commerce

Subject.....Graduate Calendar

Date.....November 2, 1970

The Department of Economics and Commerce - Graduate Studies Committee has reviewed the calendar entry of the Graduate Program in Economics and would like to recommend the addition of:

Economics 900-0 - Economics Research Workshop

Calendar Description:

Methodological approaches to research: the selection, planning and conduct of research. The critical evaluation of research reports by students, staff, and invited speakers. Students writing extended essays, theses or dissertations and enrolled in Economics 898 or 899 are encouraged to participate in this workshop.

Rationale:

Since we currently have a number of graduate students who are in the research stage of their programs, it is appropriate to consider a more formal format for the direction of their research which would make available to the Department the results of such research. The relevant format may be that of a non-credit course which is actually a research workshop.

Such workshops have proved to be extremely useful at other universities. In fact, this last summer, the Department of Economics and Commerce ran a workshop in Economic Development on an experimental basis under the direction of Professor L. Currie. The experience was entirely favorable.

This course would be offered regularly each year (during Summer term initially). It would be directed by one or more senior professors whose research ability is well established.

Department staff requirements would not be increased by the addition of this course. Staff utilization may change slightly.

The Department Graduate Studies Committee will be meeting again Friday, November 6, to consider one further revision to the Calendar. If approved, this revision will be forwarded to you immediately.

ZS/cmt