

Date: February 17, 2010

To: Ms Karen Roche
Secretary to Senate

From: Dr. Philip Hicks
Dean of Graduate Studies

Subject: Graduate Council Report to Senate

The Faculty of Graduate Studies Council met on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. This report includes items recommended for approval and items included for information.

Part I – Items Referred from FGS to Senate:

**Faculty of Graduate Studies Regulations – Thesis Examinations
Recommended for approval with the following revisions:**

THESIS EXAMINATION

The Master's thesis will be evaluated by at least two examiners, one of whom ~~should~~ **must** be external to the academic unit/program. Upon receipt of each Examiner's Report a copy must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies.

Internal Examiners are appointed following a procedure established by the academic unit/program. An oral defense of the thesis may be required as part of the internal examination.

The **External Examiner** is recommended by the student's Thesis Committee and approved by the academic unit. Following the approval of the External Examiner, a completed thesis is submitted by the Supervisor to the Graduate Coordinator. All correspondence with the External Examiner is conducted by the academic unit.

In evaluating the thesis, the Examiners will make one of the following assessments:

1. Thesis Accepted
2. Accepted Subject to Revisions
3. Appreciable Revisions Required
4. Thesis Rejected.

A thesis evaluated as 'Appreciable Revisions Required' must be revised and returned to the Examiner for re-evaluation, through the Graduate Coordinator of the academic unit. Upon receipt, a copy of the assessment of the revised thesis must be submitted to the

Office of Graduate Studies. If recommended by the Thesis Committee, a candidate receiving an evaluation of 'Thesis Rejected' will be allowed to resubmit the thesis to the Thesis Committee.

The final decision on accepting a thesis is made by the Thesis Committee after considering the reports of the **Examiners**. ~~Internal Examiners and/or the External Examiner (if applicable).~~ The student has failed the program if the thesis is rejected by the Thesis Committee following re-examination.

Part II – Item Referred from January 29, 2010 Senate Meeting:

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities History – “Major Research Project”

Recommended for approval with the following revisions:

1 - Request to change Cognate Paper to Major Research Project and subsequent, related wording changes - M.A. History

2 - Request to change program description from “Students will complete this program in 12 months of full-time study” to “Students can complete this program in 12 months but may take up to 24 months.”

1 - MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students who seek admission to the programs of study for the Master of Arts degree in History must meet the general requirements for graduate studies set by the University. <http://mycoursecalendar.lakeheadu.ca/pg621.html>. ~~(see pages 267-269).~~ Full-time students should apply for admission to the ~~Cognate Paper Program or Course-Work Program~~. Part-time students are advised to pursue the ~~Course-Work Program~~. **Students should apply for admission to the Major Research Project or Course-Work Program.** At the end of the fall term of the first year, and in consultation with the Department, ~~they~~ **students** will either continue in the ~~Cognate Paper Program~~ **Major Research Project** or Course-Work Program, or make a request to the Department for permission to enter the Thesis Program. Students will normally be admitted to the fall term only.

Application deadline is February 1. Late applications may be considered for admission, but may not be considered for funding.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

~~In addition to the Graduate Studies Regulations outlined on pages 267-269 of this calendar, students are also bound by the regulation below.~~

~~Period of Study (Time Limits)~~

~~As an exception to the Graduate Studies regulation regarding Period of Study, on page 268:~~

~~(a) Full-time students in the Cognate Paper program must complete their degree requirements within one year from the start of the term of initial registration in the program.~~

~~(b) Part-time students are required to complete their degree requirements within three years from the start of the term of initial registration in the program.~~

~~(c) Students who change their status from full-time to part-time are allowed two terms registered full-time with one year registered part-time, or one term registered full-time with two years registered part-time, in order to complete their degree requirements.~~

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PROGRAM

The Department offers a Thesis Program, ~~a Cognate Paper Program~~, **a Major Research Project**, and a Course-Work Program leading to the Master of Arts.

~~Full-time~~ Students interested in the first two programs will enroll in three half-courses from: History 5111, 5115, 5215, 5311, 5411, 5511, 5515, 5611, 5711, 5731 or 5771 in the Fall Term of study towards the Masters degree. At the end of the fall term and in consultation with the Department, they will either continue in the ~~Cognate Paper Program~~ **Major Research Project** or make a request to the Department for permission to enter the Thesis Program.

~~Part-time students are advised to pursue the Course-Work Program.~~

A. THESIS PROGRAM

The thesis program consists of four FCEs:

(a) three half-courses chosen from: History 5111, 5115, 5215, 5311, 5411, 5511, 5515, 5611, 5711, 5731 or 5771 in the fall term;

(b) one half-course from: History 5113, 5117, 5217, 5313, 5413, 5513, 5517, 5613, 5713, 5733 or 5772 in the winter term, which must be the Research continuation of one of the three Topics courses completed in the Fall Term; as well as

(c) the thesis, History 5901 (equivalent to two FCEs).

~~Students will complete this program in 24 months of full-time study.~~

B. COGNATE PAPER PROGRAM ~~MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT~~

The ~~cognate paper program~~ **major research project** consists of four FCEs:

(a) three of the following pairs of half-courses: History 5111 and 5113; History 5115 and 5117; History 5215 and 5217; History 5311 and 5313; History 5411 and 5413; History 5511 and 5513; History 5515 and 5517; History 5611 and 5613; History 5711 and 5713; History 5731 and 5733; or History 5771 and 5772; as well as

(b) the ~~cognate paper~~ **major research project**, History ~~5820~~ **5800** (one full course).

~~Students will complete this program in 12 months of full-time study.~~

C. COURSE-WORK PROGRAM

The course-work program consists of four FCES:

(a) four of the following pairs of half-courses: History 5111 and 5113; History 5115 and 5117; History 5215 and 5217; History 5311 and 5313; History 5411 and 5413; History 5511 and 5513; History 5515 and 5517; History 5611 and 5613; History 5711 and 5713; History 5731 and 5733; or History 5771 and 5772.

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~~2 - MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY~~

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- (c) the thesis, History 5901 (equivalent to two FCEs).

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B. COGNATE PAPER PROGRAM

The cognate paper program consists of four FCEs:

- (a) three of the following pairs of half-courses: History 5111 and 5113; History 5115 and 5117; History 5215 and 5217; History 5311 and 5313; History 5411 and 5413; History 5511 and 5513; History 5515 and 5517; History 5611 and 5613; History 5711 and 5713; History 5731 and 5733; or History 5771 and 5772; as well as
- (b) the cognate paper, History 5820 (one full course).

Students will complete this program in 12 months of full-time study.

C. COURSE-WORK PROGRAM

The course-work program consists of four FCEs:

~~(a) four of the following pairs of half-courses: History 5111 and 5113; History 5115 and 5117; History 5215 and 5217; History 5311 and 5313; History 5411 and 5413; History 5511 and 5513; History 5515 and 5517; History 5611 and 5613; History 5711 and 5713; History 5731 and 5733; or History 5771 and 5772.~~

~~Students will complete this program within 24 months of full-time study.~~

Part III – Item Referred to FGS from December 4, 2009 Senate Meeting and Deferred from January 7, 2010 meeting of the FGS Regulations/Programs Committee:

Faculty of Business Administration – MScMgt Program

Admission Requirement Changes

Recommended for approval with the following revisions:

Business Program Admission Requirement Changes – MSc Mgmt

~~(a) Successful completion of a four-year undergraduate business degree or equivalent. Equivalencies may include a three-year business degree with additional upper-level business courses or a four-year degree in a related discipline. For further information about eligibility, please contact the Faculty of Business Administration.~~

(a) four-year business degree or three-year business degree or four-year degree in related field plus five additional FCEs (10 half-courses at the second year level or higher in the field of study; a minimum of six must be at the third or fourth year level, and not already used for any degree considered for admission into this program)

(b) One half course in statistics

~~(c) A GMAT score of 500 or a GRE score of 1000 is recommended.~~

(c) GMAT with recommended score of 500 or a GRE General Exam with recommended combined score of 1000.

(d) Statement of academic intent of 750-1000 words, to outline the nature of the academic and work history, the field of interests, and the academic goals.

~~We use a compensatory model when evaluating applications (for example, applicants with higher grade point averages may compensate for lower GMAT/GRE scores). Relevant work or research experience is also taken into consideration.~~



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