

November 29, 2002

Professor Carolyn Tuohy  
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Room 206, Simcoe Hall  
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Dear Professor Tuohy:

At its meeting of November 26, 2002, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

**THAT** SGS Council approve the proposal of the Department of Italian Studies to allow direct admission to its Ph.D. program, effective September 2003, as follows:

- 1) That applicants with a University of Toronto four-year bachelor's degree, or its equivalent from a recognized university, that includes at least seven full-course equivalents in Italian, at least one of which is an appropriate upper-year full-course equivalent in language, and at least three of which are full-course equivalents in different periods of literature, with an average grade of at least an A- in the overall program, be admissible to a five-year Ph.D. program;
- 2) That candidates admitted to a five-year Ph.D. program in Italian have the same program requirements as those currently in place for candidates admitted to a four-year degree (i.e., on the basis of a Master's degree) except that they must complete requirements equivalent to the Master of Arts degree program, that is, four full-course equivalents in Italian, as approved by the Department, plus ITA1000H; and
- 3) That candidates for the Ph.D. degree admitted to a five-year program be required to complete their first four full-course equivalents with an average of at least an A-, as required of a graduate of the Master of Arts program, to remain in good academic standing and to continue in the Ph.D. program.

The motion and rationale are attached. The proposal was approved at the meeting of the Division I

Executive Committee held on November 7, 2002.

On behalf of the Council of the School of Graduate Studies, I am presenting this item to Governing Council committees, as appropriate, for information.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Alderdice  
Secretary to SGS Council  
and Coordinator of Policy, Program and Liaison

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**Motion**  
**School of Graduate Studies Council**  
**Tuesday, November 26, 2002**

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Item 8.

**Proposals to change admission requirements for the following programs:**

**8.2: Italian Studies**

**MOTION** ( / ) **THAT** SGS Council approve the proposal of the Department of Italian Studies to allow direct admission to its Ph.D. program, effective September 2003, as follows:

- 4) That applicants with a University of Toronto four-year bachelor's degree, or its equivalent from a recognized university, that includes at least seven full-course equivalents in Italian, at least one of which is an appropriate upper-year full-course equivalent in language, and at least three of which are full-course equivalents in different periods of literature, with an average grade of at least an A- in the overall program, be admissible to a five-year Ph.D. program;
- 5) That candidates admitted to a five-year Ph.D. program in Italian have the same program requirements as those currently in place for candidates admitted to a four-year degree (i.e., on the basis of a Master's degree) except that they must complete requirements equivalent to the Master of Arts degree program, that is, four full-course equivalents in Italian, as approved by the Department, plus ITA1000H; and
- 6) That candidates for the Ph.D. degree admitted to a five-year program be required to complete their first four full-course equivalents with an average of at least an A-, as required of a graduate of the Master of Arts program, to remain in good academic standing and to continue in the Ph.D. program.

**NOTE:**

This proposal was approved by the Division I Executive Committee at its meeting of November 7, 2002.

With SGS Council approval, this item will go to Governing Council committees for information.

## **Department of Italian Studies**

### **Rationale for the proposal made by the Department of Italian Studies to allow direct admission to its Ph.D. program**

Reasons for the proposed change:

The Department of Italian Studies proposes that exceptionally qualified students be eligible for direct admission to the PhD program with a four-year bachelor's degree. This is necessary in order to make the Department competitive with peer institutions in the United States. Direct entry is the best way to attract exceptional students, since it implies guaranteed funding. At the moment the Department does not fund M.A. candidates.

Sincerely yours,  
Domenico Pietropaolo  
Chair  
Department of Italian Studies