

School of Graduate Studies

University of Toronto

December 1, 2003

Professor Carolyn Tuohy Vice-President and Associate Provost Room 206, Simcoe Hall 27 King's College Circle University of Toronto

Dear Professor Tuohy:

At its meeting of November 25, 2003, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

THAT SGS Council approve the proposal of the Museum Studies Program to change the degree requirements of the Master of Museum Studies (M.M.St.) Program, as detailed in the attachments, effective September, 2004.

The motion sheet and supporting documentation are attached. Division I Executive Committee approved the proposal on November 6, 2003.

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

Yours sincerely,

/Jane Alderdice

Secretary to SGS Council

and Coordinator of Policy, Program and Liaison

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c.c. A. Drummond (with attachments)

C. Johnston

B. Katz

S. Moore

D. Ruddel

S. Zaky (with attachments)

H:Council/FollowUp/2003-2004/Nov 25/Museum Studies Program Requirement Change

Motion

School of Graduate Studies Council Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Item 7.

Proposals to change program requirements:

7.3: Museum Studies

MOTION (/) THAT SGS Council approve the proposal of the Museum Studies Program to change the degree requirements of the Master of Museum Studies (M.M.St.) Program, as detailed in the attachments, effective September, 2004.

See proposal attached.

NOTE:

Division I Executive Committee approved this proposal at its meeting of November 6, 2003.

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

Master of Museum Studies (M.M.St.) Program Requirement Changes

Museum Studies has proposed the following changes to the program requirements for the Master of Museum Studies degree in order to bring those requirements into line with those of other professional master's programs and to enable candidates for this degree to achieve greater depth and flexibility in their course of studies. Museum Studies proposes to increase the number of required Museum Studies courses and to reduce the number of required courses from outside Museum Studies. The total number of courses required for the degree will be reduced from the current 8.5 FCEs to 7 FCEs.

1) (i) Candidates for the M.M.St. degree will be required to complete the following core courses in Museum Studies:

MSL 1000H Museums and public history; *either* MSL 1100H Museology and theory *or* MSL1300H Contemporary theories of art and culture;

MSL 1150H Collection management;

MSL 1350H Museums and their publics;

MSL 2100H Fundamentals in museum planning and management;

MSL 3000Y Internship;

MSL 4000Y Exhibition project; and

MSL 5000Y Research methods and paper.

- (ii) Candidates with prior museum experience, as approved by the Director of Museum Studies, may substitute MSL2000H Curatorial practice for MSL1000H Museums and public history.
- 2) (i) Candidates for the M.M.St. degree except those holding an appropriate master's degree, as approved by the Director of Museum Studies, will be required to complete an additional 1.5 full-course equivalents in Museum Studies, as approved by Museum Studies. With the permission of the Director, a student may replace up to 1 full-course equivalent in Museum Studies with a graduate course offered by another unit provided that the course is required for the student's research.
 - (ii) Candidates holding an appropriate master's degree, as approved by the Director of Museum Studies, will be required to complete an additional 1 full-course equivalent, as approved by Museum Studies. With the permission of the Director, such a student may replace 1 half-course equivalent in Museum Studies with a graduate course offered by another unit provided that the course is required for the student's research.

Candidates for the M.M.St. will be required to complete: 3 full-course equivalents in the first year of the program, with an average grade of at least an A-; MSL3000Y during the Summer Session between the first and second year of the program; and the remaining courses during the second year of the program, maintaining an average of at least an A-.

NOTE: MSL1150H is a new course. The other courses listed in 1)(i) are currently offered under different designations, as follows: MSL 1000H is currently offered as MSL1200; MSL1300 is currently offered as MSL1250H; MSL1200H is currently offered as MSL2100H; and MSL1350H is currently offered as MSL2200H.

REVISED MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM:

The number of courses required for the degree of M.M.St. to be reduced from 8.5 FCEs to 7.5 FCEs.

1. Changes to required courses:

- MSL 1150H Collection management will become a new required course, increasing by .5 the present 5 FCE mandatory courses.
- Students with prior museum experience will have the option of substituting Curatorial practice (MSL 2000H) for Museums and public history (MSL 1000H).
- MSL 1250H Contemporary theories of art and culture and Museology and theory (MSL1100H) will be offered in alternate years.

Proposed Core Courses

- MSL 1000H Museums and public history, or Curatorial practice (MSL2000H): .5
- MSL 1100H Museology and theory, *or* Contemporary theories of art and culture (MSL1300S): .5
- MSL 1150H Collection management: .5
- MSL 1350H Museums and their publics: .5
- MSL 2100H Fundamentals in museum planning and management: .5
- MSL 3000Y Internship: 1
- MSL 4000Y Exhibition project: 1
- MSL 5000Y Research methods and paper: 1

TOTAL <u>5.5</u>

2. Changes to elective courses:

- Current requirement of 3.5 FCEs reduced to 1.5 FCE
- .5 of the 1.5 FCE must be a Museum Studies elective (unless given special permission by the Graduate Coordinator to take all 1.5 FCE outside M.S.)

Proposed Museum Studies electives

- MSL 2050H Artists in the museum: exhibition and intervention
- MSL 2000H Curatorial practice
- MSL 2250H Topics in museums and society

- MSL 2250H The history of museums in Canada
- MSL 2100H Museum environment
- MSL 2300H The virtual museum
- MSL 2150H Collecting in history: early modern representations
- MSL 1250H Museum planning and management; projects, fundraising and human resources

TOTAL <u>7</u>

3. Course title changes

- MSL 1100H Introduction to museology and material culture by MSL 1100H Museology and theory
- MSL 1200H Introduction to museology and public history by MSL 1000H Museums and public history
- MSL 2200H Museum communication and public programs by MSL 1350H Museums and their publics
- MSL 5001H Special studies: the virtual museum, offered previously as a special studied course is now being proposed as an elective as MSL 2300H The virtual museum. New course proposals for both this seminar and Collection management are being submitted.