

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Statistics & Actuarial Science	Subject: Policy on waivers for STAT 812
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From: Richard Lockhart, Graduate Chair	Date: April 19, 2005

MSc students in the Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science are generally required to obtain credit for STAT 812 as part of their program. The principal purpose of this requirement is to make sure students have practice dealing with clients in a consulting context. With the approval of the senior supervisor, students may earn credit for STAT 812 if this practice is obtained in some other way. Most commonly this will happen when a student goes on a suitable co-op semester but a few research assistantships with appropriate contact with non-statistician clients may also qualify and some part time students may already have jobs which suffice to provide the appropriate practice.

In order to get credit for 812 in this way:

1. Students should ask their supervisor to write to the Graduate Program Chair requesting the approval.
2. Students should write the Graduate Program Chair requesting that STAT 812 be graded S/U. They should then register in STAT 812 for the semester they are on co-op.
3. Students will submit, at the end of the co-op or other semester in which they are registered for STAT 812, a report outlining their relevant activities. The report should be submitted to the Director of the Statistical Consulting service who will assign the S/U grade.

Approved 24 September 2002.