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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education  
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

**FROM:** Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

**RE:** Request to Add a Grade-Point Average Requirement in the  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP).

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Please ask the UCAP to consider the request referenced above at its meeting on September 11, 2008. The Department of Economics is requesting a grade-point average of 2.0 in all attempted economics courses for enrollment eligibility in Economics 499, the senior seminar capstone course. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the members of the UCAP.

The academic program and course requests referenced above will be included on the agenda for the September 18, 2008 meeting of Subcommittee B, University Committee on Curriculum (UCC). Requests that are approved by Subcommittee B on September 18 will be before the Full Committee, UCC, for action on September 25, 2008. Requests that are approved by the Full Committee on September 25 will be included in the October 21, 2008, Report of the UCC to the Academic Council.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached materials, please call me at 5-8420.

Thank you for your help.

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## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

1. Request to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Science** degree in **Economics** as published on page 464 of the 2007-2009 *Academic Programs* catalog. The Teacher Education Council (TEC) will consider this request at its September 8, 2008 meeting. The University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) will consider this request at its September ~~11~~<sup>18</sup>, 2008 meeting.
  - a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics** make the following change:
    - (1) In item 3., add the following sentence as the last sentence of the paragraph:

In order to be eligible to enroll in Economics 499, as referenced in item 3. a. below, students must have a grade-point average of 2.0 in all attempted Economics courses.

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Joy Speas, RO

Wednesday, 8/15/2007

**Program Name: Economics Degree Name: BS Sequence Number: 2****Effective Dates: Fall 2008 - Open Status: Interim Initial Action: Change****Requested Date:** 2/21/2007 8:53:30 AM**1. Department/School/College:**

38238 .... Department of Economics

**2. Name of Program:**

Economics

**3. Name of Degree:**

BS

**4. Type of Program:****5. Effective Start Semester:**

Fall 2008

**6. Target student audience for the program:**

Majors

**7. Enrollment:**

What is the expected enrollment per year:

150

What is the minimum enrollment acceptable:

0

**8. Source of budget for the program:****9. Projected Costs as compared to other programs in unit:**

Same

**10. Staff requirement:**

How many additional staff will be required:

0

Who will provide the primary instruction. Describe any external linkages(industry, government, etc.):

**11. Will additional equipment be required:****Approximate cost:**

0

Source of funding:

**12. Will additional library materials be required:**

Approximate cost:

0

Source of funding:

**13. Will additional space be required:****Type:**

Approximate amount:

**14. Detailed Description:**

Replace heading "Bachelor of Science" with "ECONOMICS" as it appears on top of column.

**~~ECONOMICS Bachelor of Science~~**

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Add below sentence at end of first paragraph in # 3:

3. The following requirements for the major: \_\_\_\_\_ 30

Students may elect to complete more economics courses than those needed to complete the requirements for the major, with the understanding that the grades earned in such courses will be included in the computation of the grade-point average for courses in the major to meet College of Social Science graduation requirements. Eligibility for EC 499, as referenced in item 3.a., requires a minimum MSU Economics GPA of 2.0.

Make Change to below paragraph, 3.c, as shown:

c. Nine additional credits in economics courses, of which at least 6 credits must be at the 400-level.

(add blank line here and number "4" below)

4. In addition to the requirements for the major, students may elect to complete a cognate in business. The requirements for the cognate are met by completing four of the following courses (12 credits):

**15. Type(s) of change(s):**

GPA requirement for EC 499.

**16. Students who will be affected by the proposed changes:****17. Will the proposed change(s) have a negative impact on students? If so, which ones?:**

**Describe impact and explain what accommodations will be made:**

**18. Reason(s) for change(s):**

To require a GPA of 2.0 in Economics classes in order to enroll in EC 499.

**DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved by: Department of Economics  
2/21/2007 3:54:40 PM by Margaret Lynch for Rowena Pecchenino, Chairperson

**COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved by: College of Social Science  
8/14/2007 4:59:26 PM by Jeanne Kalin for Brendan Mullen, Associate Dean

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**Bachelor of Science**

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics emphasizes the use of advanced math and science in the analysis of economic theories. The program offers students more emphasis on mathematics, statistics, and computer science, as preparation for those who wish to pursue graduate training in economics.

**Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics**

1. The graduation requirements of the University as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree in Economics.

The University's Mathematics requirement for the Bachelor of Science degree in Economics is met by completing Mathematics 132, or 152H.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Economics major is met by completing Economics 499, referenced in item 3. a. below.

2. The requirements of the College of Social Science for the Bachelor of Science degree. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics are required to complete a minimum of 15 credits from the following courses for the College of Social Science NATURAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT, including Mathematics 133 or 153H and one of the designated statistics courses.

CSE 231	Introduction to Programming I	4
CSE 232	Introduction to Programming II	4
MTH 133	Calculus II	4
MTH 153H	Honors Calculus II	3
MTH 234	Multivariable Calculus	4
MTH 235	Differential Equations	3
MTH 254H	Honors Multivariable Calculus	3
MTH 255H	Honors Differential Equations	3
MTH 309	Linear Algebra I	3
MTH 310	Abstract Algebra I and Number Theory	3
MTH 314	Matrix Algebra with Applications	3
MTH 320	Analysis I	3
MTH 340	Ordinary Differential Equations I	3
STT 441	Probability and Statistics I: Probability	3
STT 442	Probability and Statistics II: Statistics	3
STT 461	Computations in Probability and Statistics	3
STT 471	Statistics for Quality and Productivity	3

Mathematics 133 or 153H and Mathematics 234 or 254H and Mathematics 235 or 255H may be applied toward the College of Social Science NATURAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT. Upon prior approval by the department, other courses may be substituted in fulfillment of the College of Social Science NATURAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT.

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a. All of the following courses in the Department of Economics (18 credits):

EC 201	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
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EC 302	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
EC 420	Introduction to Econometric Methods	3
EC 499	Senior Seminar for Economics Majors (W)	3

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Economics 251H and 252H may be substituted for the following group of courses: Economics 201, 202, 301, and 302. Students who elect this substitution may satisfy the requirement referenced in item 3. c. by completing at least 5 to 6 credits in two Economics courses at the 300-400 level, in addition to the 9 credits referenced in item 3. c.

- b. One of the following courses in the international area (3 credits): Economics 306, 310, 340, 406, 410, 412, 413, 414, 440, and 441.
- c. Nine additional credits in economics courses, of which at least 6 credits must be at the 400-level.

In addition to the requirements for the major, students may elect to complete a cognate in business. The requirements for the cognate are met by completing four of the following courses (12 credits):

ACC 230	Survey of Accounting Concepts	3
FI 320	Introduction to Finance	3
GBL 323	Introduction to Business Law	3
MGT 325	Management Skills and Processes	3
MSC 327	Introduction to Marketing	3

Students may substitute Accounting 201 and 202 for Accounting 230.

**In order to be eligible to enroll in Economics 499, as reference in item 3. a. below, students must have a grade-point average of 2.0 in all attempted Economics courses.**

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  - a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics** make the following changes:
    - (1) In item 2. change the title of CSE 131 to 'Technical Computing and Problem Solving'.
    - (2) In item 3., add the following sentence as the last sentence of the paragraph:

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Joy Speas, RO

Wednesday, 8/15/2007

**Program Name: Economics Degree Name: BA Sequence Number: 2****Effective Dates: Fall 2008 - Open Status: Interim Initial Action: Change****Requested Date:** 2/19/2007 4:13:17 PM**1. Department/School/College:**

38238 .... Department of Economics

**2. Name of Program:**

Economics

**3. Name of Degree:**

BA

**4. Type of Program:**

Major

**5. Effective Start Semester:**

Fall 2008

**6. Target student audience for the program:**

Same

**7. Enrollment:**

What is the expected enrollment per year:

550

What is the minimum enrollment acceptable:

0

**8. Source of budget for the program:****9. Projected Costs as compared to other programs in unit:**

Same

**10. Staff requirement:**

How many additional staff will be required:

0

Who will provide the primary instruction. Describe any external linkages(industry, government, etc.):

**11. Will additional equipment be required:****Approximate cost:**

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Source of funding:

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Add below sentence at end of first paragraph in # 3:

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2. Make Change to below paragraph, 3.c, as shown:

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Nine additional credits in economics courses, of which at least 6 credits must be at the 400-level.

(add blank line here and number "4" below)

*this is optional, not required*

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Approved by: Department of Economics  
2/21/2007 3:54:09 PM by Margaret Lynch for Rowena Pecchenino, Chairperson

**COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved by: College of Social Science  
8/14/2007 4:59:16 PM by Jeanne Kalin for Brendan Mullen, Associate Dean

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**Speas, Joy**

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**From:** Lawrence, Martin [martinlw@msu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2008 1:59 PM  
**To:** Speas, Joy  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Changes in Economics BA/BS (fwd)  
**Attachments:** ATT00012.txt

Hi Joyce,

We would like to go forward with the proposal and put the language in the catalogue. We understand that the system will not enforce the restriction.

The rationale for the restriction is that a small number (around 8 to 10) of students with low gpa's are failing the 499 course. It is our capstone course, and we take it very seriously. It requires a research paper and demands a great deal of faculty time. These low gpa students have been a problem in the past, often failing the course. This usually occurs in their last semester creating additional heartache.

Larry Martin

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**From:** Carl Davidson [mailto:davidso4@msu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2008 8:04 AM  
**To:** martinlw@msu.edu  
**Subject:** Request for Changes in Economics BA/BS (fwd)

Carl,

Since I have not received the requested information that I have been asking for since September of last year, I am proposing that the academic program requests be deleted (I will do) and be resubmitted when the Department can submit with the request the lacking information. UCC is now done meeting for the academic year and will not reconvene until the Fall. Are you in agreement?

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*Joy L. Speas*  
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**From:** Speas, Joy  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2008 4:28 PM  
**To:** 'Lenhard, Sue'  
**Cc:** 'davidso4@msu.edu'  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Changes in Economics BA/BS  
**Importance:** High

Sue,

I still have heard no word from you regarding the requested changes.

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*Joy L. Speas*

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**From:** Speas, Joy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 05, 2007 8:37 AM  
**To:** 'Lenhard, Sue'  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Changes in Economics BA/BS

Sue,

Do you have any idea where we are with this? I am still holding on to these requests awaiting further information?

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**From:** Speas, Joy  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2007 1:39 PM  
**To:** 'Lenhard, Sue'  
**Cc:** 'Rowena Pecchenino'; Estry, Doug  
**Subject:** Request for Changes in Economics BA/BS

Sue,

I am reviewing the requests received for changes in the Economics BA/BS. I note the only change is to require a minimum grade-point average in MSU Economics courses for enrollment eligibility for EC 499. Currently EC 499 is only restricted to seniors in Economics. Do you realize that adding this statement in the catalog will not make this enforceable in SIS for enrolling in EC 499 ? How do you envision to control this by adding this statement into the catalog? If this was approved, and a senior enrolled for 499 and

didn't have a 2.0 gpa in economics courses, what would would happen to them? Would you disenroll them from the course?

This needs to be approved by the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP). I forward the request to them in conjunction with UCC review. Before I can do that, I need some written rationale as to why this is being requested. Nothing was provided with the online request. You can forward that directly to me and I will finish preparing the materials for review.

With regard to the other minor request on both, we purposely did not make the 'optional' business cognate number 4, because we do not want it to look like a requirement for the degree.

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One of the following courses (3 credits):

CSE	101	Computing Concepts and Competencies	3
CSE	131	Introduction to Technical Computing	3

*and Problem Solving*

One of the following courses (3 credits):

STT	315	Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Business	3
STT	421	Statistics I	3
STT	430	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3

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