

Executive Committee
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
Report to Riverside Division
May 21, 2019

To be adopted:

Proposed changes to the Business Economics Major (BA)

PRESENT:

The major requirements for a B.A. degree in Business Economics are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (five courses [at least 22 units])

a) ECON 002 or ECON 002H,
ECON 003 or ECON 003H

b) BUS 020

c) MATH 009A or MATH 09HA,
MATH 009B or MATH 09HB

2. Upper-division requirements (12 courses [at least 54 units])

a) ECON 104A, ECON 104B

b) ECON 105A, ECON 105B

c) ECON 101, ECON 107

d) Five additional upper-division courses in Economics worth 4 or 5 units each, including at least two courses from ECON 108, ECON 130, ECON 135, BUS 153/ ECON 153, BUS 160/ECON 160, BUS 162/ECON 162, ECON 163. ~~Two 2-unit courses can satisfy one 4- or 5-unit elective course.~~

e) One course chosen from POSC 182, PSYC 142, SOC 151

Note: Up to 4 units of internship credit may be counted toward the upper-division electives in Business Economics.

PROPOSED:

The major requirements for a B.A. degree in Business Economics are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (five courses [at least 22 units])

a) ECON 002 or ECON 002H,
ECON 003 or ECON 003H with grades of C- or better

b) BUS 020

c) MATH 009A or MATH 09HA,
MATH 009B or MATH 09HB

2. Upper-division requirements (12 courses [at least 54 units])

a) ECON 104A, ECON 104B

b) ECON 105A, ECON 105B

c) ECON 101, ECON 107

d) Five additional upper-division courses in Economics worth 4 or 5 units each, including at least two courses from ECON 108, ECON 130, ECON 135, BUS 153/ ECON 153, BUS 160/ECON 160, BUS 162/ECON 162, ECON 163. ECON 102, 103, and 190 cannot be used to meet this requirement.

e) One course chosen from POSC 182, PSYC 142, SOC 151

Note: Up to 4 units of internship credit may be counted toward the upper-division electives in Business Economics.

Justification:

- (1) The Department would like to directly state in the catalog that ECON 002 and 003 require a C- or better to help the students' degree audits be more functionally useful. This change will ensure that any grade less than a C- in ECON 002 or 003 will show in the "insufficient" section on Degree Works, making it more obvious to students that the course will need to be repeated.
- (2) Since the Department has deleted all 2-unit courses, this statement should be removed from the catalog to eliminate any confusion and improve accuracy. This will also lead to a more concise and accurate degree audit, which will make it more useful for students.
- (3) This change is also to help promote the accuracy and functionality of the degree audit. ECON 102 is mutually exclusive with ECON 104A, and ECON 103 is mutually exclusive with ECON 105A. For this reason, ECON 102 and 103 should not pull into elective requirements on the degree audit. They are substituted to take the place of 104A or 105A respectively when appropriate and necessary. Including this language in the catalog will allow the degree audit to be updated so that they will not pull into elective areas. In the case of ECON 190, the Department does not allow this course to count as an elective. Exceptions to this require the approval of the Department Chair. Adding this language ensures that ECON 190 will not be allowed to pull into the upper division elective requirements on the degree audit, further improving its accuracy.

Approvals:

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Economics:

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