

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

**To be adopted:**

Proposed changes to the Economics Major (BA)

**PRESENT:**

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

1. Lower-division requirements (4 courses [at least 18 units])

- a) ECON 002 or ECON 002H, ECON 003 or ECON 003H
- b) 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) One four or five unit course with ECON 104B or ECON 105B or ECON 107 as a prerequisite.
- e) Five additional upper-division courses in Economics worth 4 or 5 units each, including at least three that have either ECON 104A or ECON 105A or ECON 107 as a prerequisite. ~~Two 2-unit courses can satisfy one 4- or 5-unit course.~~

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

**PROPOSED:**

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

1. Lower-division requirements (4 courses [at least 18 units])

- a) ECON 002 or ECON 002H, ECON 003 or ECON 003H with grades of C- or better
- b) 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) One four or five unit course with ECON 104B or ECON 105B or ECON 107 as a prerequisite.
- e) Five additional upper-division courses in Economics worth 4 or 5 units each, including at least three that have either ECON 104A or ECON 105A or ECON 107 as a prerequisite. ECON 102, 103, and 190 cannot be used to meet this requirement.

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