

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

To be adopted:

Proposed changes to the Economics/Law and Society Major (BA)

PRESENT:

The Law and Society major is open to undergraduate students with junior standing who have completed LWSO 100 with a grade of “C” or higher. The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Economics/Law and Society are as follows:

1. Economics requirements (11 courses [at least 49 units])
 - a) ECON 002 or ECON 002H, ECON 003 or ECON 003H
 - b) ECON 119
 - c) ECON 104A, ECON 104B, ECON 105A
 - d) Five additional upper-division courses in Economics worth 4 or 5 units each, including at least two that have either ECON 104A or ECON 105A or ECON 107 as a prerequisite. ECON 107 may be chosen as an advanced elective. ~~Two 2-unit courses can replace one 4- or 5-unit elective course.~~

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

2. Law and Society requirements (36 units)
 - a) PHIL 007 or PHIL 007H
 - b) LWSO 100 (with a grade of “C” or better)
 - c) One course chosen from POSC 114, PSYC 012, SOC 004 (or equivalent course in research methods)
 - d) Three courses chosen from ANTH 127, ECON 119, HISE 153, PHIL 165, POSC 167, PSYC 175, SOC 159
 - e) Two courses chosen from ENSC 174, HISA 120A, HISA 120B, HISE 123, LWSO 175 (E-Z), PHIL 164, POSC 111, POSC 166, POSC 168, POSC 186, SOC

PROPOSED:

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1. Economics requirements (11 courses [at least 49 units])
 - a) ECON 002 or ECON 002H, ECON 003 or ECON 003H with grades of C- or better
 - b) ECON 119
 - c) ECON 104A, ECON 104B, ECON 105A
 - d) Five additional upper-division courses in Economics worth 4 or 5 units each, including at least two that have either ECON 104A or ECON 105A or ECON 107 as a prerequisite. ECON 107 may be chosen as an advanced elective. 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 elective courses in Economics.

No Change.

147, SOC 149, SOC 180

f) LWSO 193, Senior Seminar

Note: For sections 2.d) and 2.e) combined, not more than two courses may be taken from the same department. In filling the dual requirements of the major, students may not count more than two courses toward both parts of their total requirements. (This limitation applies to specified Economics requirements and Law and Society requirements.)

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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