December 19, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Edward Montgomery
Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

FROM: Victor Korenman
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Curriculum Change in the Economics Honors Program (PCC Log No. 03023)

After consultation with Dr. Sylvester J. Gates, Jr., Chair of the Senate PCC Committee, I have approved your proposal for a curriculum change in the Economics Honors Program. A copy of the approved proposal is enclosed.

The change is effective immediately. The College should ensure that the new requirements are fully described in the next edition of the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

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Enclosure

Cc: Dr. Sylvester J. Gates, Jr., Chair, Senate PCC
Dr. Katherine Beardsley, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Dr. Mary Giles, University Senate
Ms. Barbara Hope, Data Administration
Dr. Phyllis Peres, Undergraduate Studies
Ms. Anne Turkos, Archives
Dr. Linda Yokoi, Records & Registrations
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS: Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one-page in length. Forms and appropriate attachments should be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs, who will assign a Log Number to each proposal. Additional copies may be required at a later time.

DATE SUBMITTED 12/15/03
COLLEGE/SCHOOL Behavioral and Social Sciences
DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM Economics
PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD DELETE CHANGE X

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Additional detail may be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

Currently, the requirements for the honors program in the Economics Department are:

"Students must complete ECON 396 (Honors Workshop) and ECON 397 (Honors Thesis) in their senior year, as well as two of the following courses: ECON 407, 414, 417, 422, 423, 425."

We want to change it to:

Students must complete ECON 422 prior to their senior year. Students must also complete ECON 396 (Honors Workshop) and ECON 397 (Honors Thesis) in their senior year, as well as one of the following four courses: ECON 407, 414, 423, 425.

Again, this will only affect students completing the Department’s honors program.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Attach additional material if needed.)

Given the increasingly analytical nature of the research done in economics, it has become necessary for students to have a greater understanding of quantitative methods, making ECON 422 a necessary course. We have found that students who have taken ECON 422 prior to entering the honors workshop are much better prepared to choose a topic and begin planning for their honors thesis. Making this change to our requirements will give all students in the honors program this advantage. No new resources will be required.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

1. Department Committee Chair
2. Department Chair
3. College/School PCC Chair
4. Dean
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
6. Chair, Senate PCC
7. Chair of Senate
8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

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