

Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting
Report for the Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting
Friday, November 18, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M., in Solms 209. The names of the members present are shown in bold; guests/substitutes are in italic:

Stephen Primatic, *Art, Music, & Theatre;*
Judy Awong-Taylor, *Biology;*
Leon Jaynes, *Chemistry & Physics;*
Corie Hammers, *Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science;*
Richard McGrath, *Economics;*
Dick Nordquist, *General Studies;*
Jim Todesca, *History;*
Ellen Blossman, *Languages, Literature, & Philosophy;*
Greg Knofczynski *Mathematics;*
James Handley, *Military Science;*
Jonathan Roberts, *Psychology;*

The minutes of October 21, 2005 were approved.

I. **College of Arts and Sciences**

B. **The following was remanded back to the college for further discussion:
Final discussion and vote on the proposal to have AASU become an
eCore affiliate institution.**

A. **Liberal Studies**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the following:

1. **Change the name of the following program of study:**
Program for the Degree of Bachelor of ~~General~~ **Liberal Studies**

Rationale: Three degree programs are currently housed in the Office of Liberal Studies: the Associate of Arts, the Bachelor of General Studies, and the Master of Liberal and Professional Studies. Following are the primary reasons for recommending changing the name of the Bachelor of General Studies to the Bachelor of Liberal Studies:

1. **To clarify the distinction between the University System of Georgia's phrase "general education" [referring broadly to the academic experience common to all undergraduate majors] and the particular program of study at AASU known since 1987 as General Studies.** According to the 2005-2006 AASU Catalog, "[g]eneral education outcomes define the intellectual experience that Armstrong Atlantic State University students complete prior to graduation, *regardless of their specific degrees or career choices*" (p. 61, italics mine). In contrast to the phrase "General Studies," "Liberal Studies" points more directly to a specific program of study based on the tradition of the liberal

arts. (According to the Association for General and Liberal Studies, this distinction between “general education” experiences and “liberal studies” [or “interdisciplinary studies” or “integrative studies”] programs has become increasingly common throughout the United States.)

2. **To satisfy the requests of General Studies majors, who, by a margin of approximately two to one, favor the label of “Liberal Studies.”** In addition to considering “Liberal Studies” to be a more accurate description of the program, some students noted that prospective employers make a faulty association between “General Studies” and “General Education Development” (the GED). In other words, some unfortunate misperceptions have recently grown attached to the word “general” when used in the context of a degree program.

As a point of information, six other USG institutions house one or more four-year undergraduate degree programs roughly equivalent to AASU’s General Studies program in terms of mission and broad-based requirements:

Clayton State University: Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Integrative Studies
Bachelor of Science with a Major in Integrative Studies

Fort Valley State University: Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Liberal Studies

Georgia College & State U: Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Liberal Studies

Georgia Southern University: Bachelor of General Studies

University of Georgia: Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science with a Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science with a Major in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

Valdosta State University: Bachelor of General Studies

- B. Art, Music, & Theatre
- C. Biology
- D. Chemistry & Physics
- E. Criminal Justice, Social, & Political Science
- F. **Economics**

1. **The following was remanded back to the department:
Create the following course:
ECON 3960 Research in International Economics V-V-(1-3)
Prerequisite: permission of department head, agreement by faculty member to supervise research.
Description: Uncompensated research to be assigned and directed by an economics faculty member according to the terms of a signed agreement among the student, supervising faculty member, and department head. This research must be on a topic developed from international study. Up to three credit hours may be earned.**

Rationale: The proposed international economics track in the economics major requires delineation between independent research related to study abroad and independent research originating by other means. There is no specific resource impact of this course. It only provides a clarification of the sources of independent study.

Effective Term: Spring 2006

CURCAT:

Major Department: Economics
Can course be repeated for additional credit? no
Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 3
Cross-listed courses: none
Grading Mode: normal
Instruction Type: Directed Study

2. **The following was remanded back to the department:
Create the following course:
ECON 5450U/G Comparative Economics 3-0-3
Prerequisite (undergraduate): ECON 2105 or ECON 2106 or permission of instructor
Prerequisite (graduate): permission of instructor
Description: Study of alternative economics systems as they relate to property rights and incentives, centralization, resource allocation, distribution of income, economic development, and economic transition. Course structure may include comparisons of several economies or an in-depth study**

of a specific country being compared to the US. International travel is required.

Rationale: This course is being reintroduced for use in study abroad programs for which the department currently creates special topics courses. As such, it will have no scheduling impact. Students taking the courses for graduate credit would be required to complete an additional paper or project beyond the coursework required of the undergraduate students.

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CURCAT:

Major Department: Economics
Can course be repeated for additional credit? yes
Maximum Number of Credit Hours: 6
Cross-listed courses: none
Grading Mode: normal
Instruction Type: Directed Study

3. The following was remanded back to the department:

Change the following course numbers:

ECON ~~4010~~ **5010U/G** Special Topics in Economics 3-0-3
ECON ~~4020~~ **5020U/G** Special Topics in Economics 3-0-3
ECON ~~4030~~ **5030U/G** Special Topics in Economics 3-0-3

Prerequisite (graduate): permission of instructor

Rationale: Special topics courses offered by the Economics Faculty may be academically appropriate for graduate students in a variety of disciplines, particularly in MALPS and education. Students taking the courses for graduate credit would be required to complete an additional paper or project beyond the coursework required of the undergraduate students.

4. The following was remanded back to the department:

Modify the Program of Study for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Economics:

PROGRAM FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

A. General Requirements
Core Areas A, B, C, D, and E42 hours
Area F 18 hours
ECON 2105 - Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 2106 - Principles of Microeconomics
MATH 2220 - Elementary Statistics
MATH 1950 - Applied Math or MATH 1161 - Calculus I
Six credit hours from one of the following areas:
Accounting
ACCT 2101 - Principles of Financial Accounting

ACCT 2102 - Principles of Managerial Accounting
Foreign language sequence (1002 and 2001) ***required for International Economics track**
Mathematics
MATH 2072 - Calculus II
MATH 2083 - Calculus III
Information Technology
CSCI 1150 – Fundamentals of the Internet and World Wide Web
ITEC 1310 – Programming in Visual Basic
Physical Education3 hours
Track One: General Economics
B. Major Field Courses33 hours
ECON 3050 - Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 3060 - Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 4900 - Economic Methods and Senior Thesis
Twenty four credit hours drawn from at least three of the following categories:
International
ECON 3100 - Multinational Economic Enterprises
ECON 4400 - Seminar in Third World Economic Development
ECON 5200U - International Trade
ECON 5310U - International Finance
Quantitative
ECON 3600 - Mathematical Economics
ECON 3700 - Econometrics
ECON 3800 - Quantitative Consumer Research
Applied
ECON 3420 - Sports Economics
ECON 3500 - Managerial Economics
ECON 4451 - Industrial Organization
ECON 4460 - Economic Analysis of the Law
ECON 5400U - Economics of Labor
Financial
ECON 4100 - Financial Economics: Portfolio Evaluation
ECON 4150 - Money and Capital Markets
ECON 5300U - Money and Banking
Public Policy and Economic History
ECON 3450 - Environmental Economics
ECON 4410 - Regional Economics
ECON 4500 - Public Finance
ECON 4550 - Public Choice
ECON 5630U - Economic History of the US
Internships and Specialized Courses
ECON 3950 - Research in Economics
ECON 4010, -20, -30 - Special Topics (with permission of department head)
ECON 4520, -30, -40 - Internship (with permission of department head)(maximum of
one internship may count toward degree)
Track Two: International Economics
B. Major Field Courses33 hours
ECON 3050 - Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 3060 - Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 4900 - Economics Methods and Senior Thesis
ECON 5200U - International Trade
ECON 5310U - International Finance
Eighteen credit hours drawn from among the following courses. A minimum of nine credit hours must be earned through international study. Additional courses or internships available through international study may be substituted with the permission of the department head. (*) denotes courses that are offered as international study.
ECON 3100 - Multinational Economics Enterprises
ECON 3450 - Environmental Economics
ECON 3500 - Managerial Economics
ECON 3700 - Econometrics

ECON 3800 – Quantitative Consumer Research
ECON 3960 – Research in International Economics*
ECON 4100 - Financial Economics: Portfolio Analysis
ECON 4150 - Money and Capital Markets
ECON 4400 - Seminar in Third World Economic Development
ECON 4451 - Industrial Organization
ECON 5300U - Money and Banking
ECON 5400U - Economics of Labor
ECON 5450U – Comparative Economics*

C. Related Field Courses.....9 hours
~~CSCI 1050~~ **ITEC 1050** Introduction to Computer Concepts -
 or CSCI 1060 - Computer Concepts and Applications
 Six credit hours of upper division courses from the following fields
 anthropology, economics, geography, information technology,
 mathematics, philosophy, political science, psychology, or
 sociology
 D. Electives18 hours

 Total Semester Hours 123 hours
 E. Regents' Test, university exit exam, and department exit exam

Rationale: Consistency with School of Computing change in course designations.

5. **The following was remanded back to the department:
 Modify the Economics minor**

Economics15 hours
 ECON 2105 or 2106
 Twelve credit hours selected from: ECON 3050, 3060, 3100, 3420, 3450, 3500,
 3600, ~~3630~~, 3700, 3800, 4100, 4150, 4400, 4410, 4451, 4460, 4500, 4550, 4010-
~~4030~~, and **5010-5030U**, 5200U, 5300U, 5310U, 5400U, and **5630U**.

Rationale: Consistency with the above changes for the minor.
 ECON 5630U not included in current catalog.

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- G. History
- H. Languages, Literature, & Philosophy
- I. Mathematics
- J. Psychology
- K. Honors Program
- L. Gender and Women's Studies