Curriculum Proposal

Please type or select the requested information. Print completed forms, add appropriate paper attachments, and route through MSU's curricular process for recommendations and decisions.

- College: N/A, Social and Behav. Sci
- Department: N/A, Economics
- Program: N/A, BS Economics
- Type of Change: N/A, Core Requirement to Elective
- Title Current: N/A
- Title Proposed: Forecasting Techniques in Economics
- 24-Char. Abbrev: N/A
- Proposal #: 70
- Effective Date of Change: October 1, 2002
- Academic Year: 2002-03
- CIP #: 0.5
- Course Designator: Econ
- Number of Credits: 3
- (For Office Use Only)

Include a course or program description for the Bulletin (30-40 words maximum for courses, 100 for programs):

Rationale or Justification for change:

See Attached

***For General Education or Cultural Diversity Courses Only***

**General Education Course:**

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For Writing Intensive Courses, attach a description of the kind and quantity of writing.

For Upper Division Courses, include a description of the respects in which it is broad and general rather than narrow and specific, and so suitable as GE.

Attach paper copies of the following:

a. Syllabus or course outline.

b. Course's student learning outcomes associated with each GE competency or CD designation.

c. List of strategies to be used to assess students' achievement of each GE competency or CD designation.

***For New Courses***

- Course is an elective.
- Grade format: □ Grade □ P/N
- Pre- or Co-requisites:
- Course will be offered: □ Fall Semester □ Spring Semester □ Summer Session

- Course content or title is similar to courses in other departments. (Attach copy of letter of agreement with other program(s) contacted. Indicate the nature of the discussions and/or resolution of differences or potential conflicts.)

Attach paper copies of the following:

a. Syllabus or course outline.

b. Course's student learning outcomes.

c. A list of resources required to offer and support this course.

d. A description of how teaching this course will affect department staffing.

e. If 400/500 level course, an explanation of added expectations of graduate students.

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***For Program Proposals***

Attach paper copies of the following:

a. Student learning outcomes for the program.
b. Minutes from department and college curriculum meetings in which action was taken on this proposal.
c. Program Assessment Plan. Forms are available on the Academic Affairs Web site:
   http://www.mnsu.edu/acadaf/words/PRA_SampSLOAssessPlan.doc
d. List of program requirements for New programs, or a list of Current and Proposed program requirements for Redesigned programs.
e. A list of resources required to offer and support this program.
f. A description of how offering this program will affect department staffing.
g. A list of additional library holdings required for this program.

Please include rationale for any proposed changes in number of program credits:

***For Programs Requiring MnSCU Approval***

If any of the following changes are proposed, please fill out and attach MnSCU Program Approval Forms, which are available on the Academic Affairs Web site:
http://www.mnsu.edu/acadaf/html/currformsprocesses.htm

1. Creation of an entirely new program.

2. Redesign of existing programs, which takes any of the following forms:
   a. Addition or deletion of a program option. Options are part of program design in which 30-50% of the courses are required as part of a common core for all students, and which offers curriculum alternatives greater than 30% of the total number of credits in the major. Options are appropriate to baccalaureate or masters programs.
   b. Addition or deletion of a program emphasis. Emphases are part of program design in which more than 50% of the courses are required as part of a common core for all students, and which offers curriculum alternatives with a minimum of nine credits. Emphases are appropriate to associate and baccalaureate programs.
   c. Change in program name.
   d. Change in program CIP #.
   e. Change in TOTAL program credits.
   f. Change in degree award. For example, changing a B.A. to B.S.
   g. Creation of a new degree award in a related academic area. Examples include creation of a certificate program from an existing degree program, or a new degree program from an existing degree program (e.g., Art History BA from Art BA.)

3. Relocation of an existing program. This is a proposal to move an existing program from one site to be exclusively offered at another site, and requires closing the program offered at the original site. For example, a program offered both on-campus and through extended campus is to be offered only at the extended campus site.

4. Replication of an existing program. This is a proposal to offer an existing program at a new site, which may be an existing MnSCU-approved site, or another campus of the same institution. Replicated programs are offered at both the original site and the new location.

5. Suspension or reinstatement of a program. This proposal suspends admission of students into an existing program, and is good for three years. Reinstatement proposals request the reopening of student admissions into a given program.

6. Closure of a program. This proposal requests closure of an existing program and its from an institution's official inventory of academic programs. Unless a department seeks to re-open a suspended program, it should be closed within three years of suspension.

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College: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Department: Economics
Program: BA / BS Economics
Type of Change: Changing from core requirement to elective
Title Proposed: Forecasting Techniques in Economics
Course Number: Econ 407
Number of Credits: 3

Justification for the Change:
The department went through external review process during the academic year 2003-04. One strong recommendation of the external reviewers was that the department should offer a course in econometrics for its majors. As a follow up to this recommendation, the department is proposing the course Econometrics (Econ 462) to be part of core requirement. This course will replace Forecasting Techniques in Economics (Econ 407) as a required core course for the students majoring in economics. Forecasting Techniques in Economics (Econ 407) will however remain in the program as a part of the elective courses.