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Revise entry for, ECON 245, Land Economics

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1. Delete: On page 122, the description for ECON 245:

An examination of the interdependence of land and people, with special emphasis on how people affect land. Issues considered include the determination of property values, property rights, land tenure, land conversion and government policies including land use planning, agricultural and environmental policies. Additional topics may include the geography of land use, sprawl, farmland preservation, the economics of food security and world food problems. Prerequisite: ECON 101 or 102. Fall.

Add: On page 122, in place of deleted entry:

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Impact: The course will no longer address food issues, which are covered in Economics of Food. Reducing the frequency of offering from once a year to once every other year will not have an adverse impact on the number of 200-level electives offered since Economics of Food will be offered in alternating years, thus ensuring a 200-level elective is available each Fall. The course is part of ILS Cluster 5, "Transformations in Appalachia," but since the class has only been offered every other year for the last few years, and the number of social science electives in the cluster has risen significantly since it was first brought into the cluster, no adverse impact is expected.

Rationale: Due to strong interest in food issues over the many offerings of this course, the Economics of Food class was added as a Special Topics class. Since it has been successful in its three offerings as a Special Topics class, Economics of Food is now proposed as a permanent offering. Most students who have enrolled in Land Economics over the decade it has been offered are Environmental Studies or Economics majors seeking an additional elective to complete their major or minor in Economics. This population of students will be able to satisfy their elective by taking either Economics of Food or Land Economics, offered in alternating years. This change thus ensures an additional elective option in the curriculum with no impact on departmental resources.