## THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

## APC Document 38 (ECON): Revise the requirements for the Major in Economics and Economics with Teacher Licensure

## **Effective Date: Fall 2019**

- 1. Delete: On page 120, the entry under Major in Economics:
  - I. Required courses in the major—34 hours, including: ECON 101, 102, 301, 302, 365, 380, 450, 480; 12 additional hours in ECON, at least 3 of which must be at the 300 or 400 level. Students are encouraged to work with their advisors to choose the elective courses that best meet their interests and needs.
  - II. Required courses outside the major—4 hours: STAT 185 or 225.
  - III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is demonstrated in ECON 480, which must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Enrollment in ECON 480 requires completion of ECON 380 with a grade of C or higher.
  - IV. Suggested courses outside the major—Students with limited computer experience should take CSCI 107. Students interested in graduate school in economics should take MATH 191 and 192. Advisors can also provide recommendations for courses from other departments that will complement the student's choice of study.
  - Add: On page 120, in place of deleted entry:
    - Required courses in the major—34 hours, including: ECON 101, 102, 301, 302, 365, 450, 480; 12 additional hours in ECON, at least 3 of which must be at the 300 or 400 level. Students are encouraged to work with their advisors to choose the elective courses that best meet their interests and needs.
    - II. Required courses outside the major—4 hours: STAT 185 or 225.
    - III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is demonstrated in ECON 480, which must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Enrollment in ECON 480 requires completion of ECON 450 with a grade of C or higher.
    - IV. Suggested courses outside the major—Students interested in graduate school in economics should take MATH 191 and 192. Advisors can also provide recommendations for courses from other departments that will complement the student's choice of study.

## 2. Delete: On page 120, the entry for Economics with Teacher Licensure:

- I. Required courses in the major—34 hours, including: ECON 101, 102, 301, 302, 365, 380, 450, 480; 12 additional hours in ECON, at least 3 of which must be at the 300 or 400 level.
- II. Required courses outside the major—24 hours: HIST 101, 102, 151, 152; POLS 220 or 281; PSYC 319; one course from SOC 200, 210 or 220; STAT 185 or 225. HIST 315 is also required for students seeking 6-9 licensure. In addition, students must complete the required EDUC courses as indicated in the Education section of the catalog.
- III. Other departmental requirements— Major competency is demonstrated in ECON 480, which must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Enrollment in ECON 480 requires completion of ECON 380 with a grade of C or higher.
- IV. Suggested courses outside the major—Students with limited computer experience should take CSCI 107. Students interested in graduate school in economics should take MATH 191 and 192.
- Add: On page 120, in place of the deleted entry for Economics with Teacher Licensure:
  - Required courses in the major—34 hours, including: ECON 101, 102, 301, 302, 365, 450, 480; 12 additional hours in ECON, at least 3 of which must be at the 300 or 400 level. Students are encouraged to work with their advisors to choose the elective courses that best meet their interests and needs.
  - II. Required courses outside the major—24 hours: HIST 101, 102, 151, 152; POLS 220 or 281; PSYC 319; one course from SOC 200, 210 or 220; STAT 185 or 225. HIST 315 is also required for students seeking 6-9 licensure. In addition, students must complete the required EDUC courses as indicated in the Education section of the catalog.
  - III. Other departmental requirements—Major competency is demonstrated in ECON 480, which must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Enrollment in ECON 480 requires completion of ECON 450 with a grade of C or higher.
  - IV. Suggested courses outside the major—Students interested in graduate school in economics should take MATH 191 and 192. Advisors can also provide recommendations for courses from other departments that will complement the student's choice of study.

**Impact Statement:** Although the number of credit hours for the major remains the same after the changes indicated, students will take one less course due to the research development skills of ECON 380 being incorporated into ECON 450.

**Rationale:** As previously noted, during the last decade the department has reflected continually upon the best way for students and faculty to work together to create a meaningful research experience for all concerned. The resulting approach will allow students to explore research methods in the context of a specific content area, thereby enabling them to move directly into the work they will undertake in 480, Senior Research in Economics. This approach will benefit instructors, too, as they will have the opportunity to guide research students in their areas of interest and expertise.

After consultation with the chair of Computer Science, the reference to taking CSCI 107 is being removed as the course is no longer offered to UNC Asheville students. The computer skills of most students are such that another course doesn't need to be recommended in its place.