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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Terry College of Business to revise the entrance requirements for the major in Economics (A.B.) will be an agenda item for the January 24, 2020, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

**PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH OR CHANGE THE ENTRANCE STATUS
AND REQUIREMENTS OF AN UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR**

Date: November 5, 2019

School/College: Terry College of Business

Department/Division: Economics

Program (Major and Degree): Economics (A.B.)

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2020

1. Justification - What is the academic justification for instituting the requirement?

As noted in the current High-Demand Major–Selection Criteria for the Economics (A.B.) degree in the UGA Bulletin, final course grades in (MATH 1113 or MATH 1113E), MATH 2200, (MATH 2250 or MATH 2250E) and MATH 2260 are considered as part of the selection criteria for the Economics (A.B.) degree. This criteria is also in place and used for each of our BBA majors within the College. For each of our BBA degrees, the Entrance Requirements also contain the phrase “Exemption or successful completion of MATH 1113 or MATH 1113E or higher-level MATH course (passing grade or exemption must be posted to your UGA academic record by application deadline).” We seek to add this identical phrase to the Entrance Requirements for the Economics (A.B.) degree. We believe the addition of this phrase alerts students of the need to submit information (on exemptions and/or course completed elsewhere) to UGA for inclusion in their official UGA academic record. If these course grades are not found on a student’s record, even if they have been taken elsewhere or exempted, the student’s record may not reflect the minimum level of math competency needed in a high quantitative major. This will likely result in the student being denied from the major and their academic progress slowed, because they did not understand the importance of having this item as part of their official academic record.

2. Requirements - What specific entrance requirements are proposed?

The following statement is added to the Economics (A.B.) degree entrance requirements:

“Exemption or successful completion of MATH 1113 or MATH 1113E or higher-level MATH course (passing grade or exemption must be posted to your UGA academic record by application deadline).”

3. Results - How will the proposed requirement solve the academic problems outlined in the justification?

With the added statement, there will be symmetry between the Economics (A.B.) and Economics (B.B.A.) math entrance requirements.

4. Consequences of the Requirement

a. How will this requirement affect the major involved?

If approved, this additional requirement is simply a clarification to students making it clear the information used as selection criteria needs to be in the student's official record to be considered. These courses are also listed as preferred courses in the Quantitative Reasoning part of the general education requirement of the major (Area III) and are communicated as important courses in the advising process. Thus, there is no reason to believe the additional requirement (clarification) should delay students intending to major in this area, in fact, it should reduce confusion and help to avoid unnecessary delays.

b. What effects are anticipated on other majors within the University?

None.

c. Are there any other anticipated effects on enrollment patterns within the University?

No.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Revise the Entrance Requirements for the Major in Economics (A.B.)

College: Terry College of Business

Department: Economics

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2020

Department:

- Economics Department Head Dr. Chris Cornwell, 11/5/19

School/College:

- Terry College of Business Associate Dean Dr. Henry Munneke, 11/19/19