To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to the BA Degree in Economics

**PRESENT:**

**Economics Major**  
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Economics are as follows:  
1. Lower-division requirements (16 units)  
   a) ECON 002, ECON 003  
   b) MATH 009A, MATH 009B  
2. Upper-division requirements (48 units)  
   a) ECON 102A, ECON 102B  
   b) ECON 103A, ECON 103B  
   c) One course chosen from ECON 123/ HISA 123, ECON 124, or ECON 125  
   d) ECON 101/STAT 101 and ECON 107  
   e) At least 20 additional upper-division units in Economics, including at least one course from ECON 171 through ECON 187  

**Note** No internship courses may be counted toward the upper-division electives in Economics. MATH 009A and MATH 009B may also be used to meet breadth requirements.

**PROPOSED:**

**Economics Major**  
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Economics are as follows:  
1. No Change  
2. Upper-division requirements (48 units)  
   a) ECON 102A, ECON 102B  
   b) ECON 103A, ECON 103B  
   c) One course chosen from ECON 123/ HISA 123, ECON 124, or ECON 125  
   d) ECON 101/STAT 101 and ECON 107  
   e) At least 20 additional upper-division units in Economics, including at least one course from ECON 171 through ECON 187  

**Note** Up to four units of internship credit may be counted toward the upper-division electives in Economics. MATH 009A and MATH 009B may also be used to meet breadth requirements.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Currently, the Economics/Law and Society and Economics/Administrative Studies majors allow the use of internship units for economics elective credits whereas this is not allowed for the Economics and Business Economics majors. The internship can be a rich experience in which students can apply the tools learned in the courses for real life practical problems. Thus, we are allowing that internship units for all majors be used for elective credits. We establish that the number of units to be used for elective credits is up to four, which is roughly equivalent to one regular elective course. This will allow students to have a balanced mix of real life experience and theoretical tools from actual courses taken within their majors.

**APPROVALS:**

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Economics: Date: March 15, 2005  
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