To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to the Economics Major

PRESENT:

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Economics are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (4 courses [at least 16 units])
   a) ECON 002, ECON 003
   b) MATH 008B or MATH 009A or MATH 09HA, MATH 009B

2. Upper-division requirements (12 courses [at least 48 units])
   a) ECON 104A, ECON 104B
   b) ECON 105A, ECON 105B
   c) One course chosen from ECON 123/HISA 123, ECON 124, or ECON 125
   d) ECON 101 and ECON 107
   e) Five additional upper-division courses in Economics worth 4 or 5 units each, including at least three that have either ECON 104A or ECON 105A or ECON 107 as a prerequisite. Two 2-unit courses can satisfy one 4- or 5-unit course.

Note Up to 4 units of internship credit may be counted toward the upper-division electives in Economics.

PROPOSED:

The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Economics are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (4 courses [at least 16 units])
   a) ECON 002, ECON 003
   b) MATH 008B or MATH 009A or MATH 09HA, MATH 009B

2. Upper-division requirements (12 courses [at least 48 units])
   a) ECON 104A, ECON 104B
   b) ECON 105A, ECON 105B
   c) ECON 101 and ECON 107
   d) One four or five unit course with ECON 104B or ECON 105B or ECON 107 as a prerequisite.
   e) Five additional upper-division courses in Economics worth 4 or 5 units each, including at least three that have either ECON 104A or ECON 105A or ECON 107 as a prerequisite. Two 2-unit courses can satisfy one 4- or 5-unit course.

Note Up to 4 units of internship credit may be counted toward the upper-division electives in Economics.
JUSTIFICATION:
We are removing the requirement that students take Econ 123, 124 or 125 because we wish to give the students more flexibility in their elective courses to aid their time to degree. We are replacing this requirement with a requirement that students take a class that has either Econ 104B, or Econ 104B or Econ 107 as a prerequisite because Econ 104B, Econ 105B, and Econ 107 are required foundational courses and we wish the student to have an opportunity to build on their foundation. We have verified that there are enough offerings of courses with Econ 104B, Econ 105B or Econ 107 as prerequisites so that students will not be delayed in their time to degree.

APPROVALS:
Approved by the faculty of the Department of Economics: March 19, 2013
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