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Department/Discipline and Course Number: Economics 383

Course Title: Comparative Economics

Type of change (check all applicable):
Course Number* _X_ Title _X_ Credits ___ Description ___ Prerequisites _X_ Deletion ___

*This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year ___ 2013

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| 383 – Comparative Economic Systems (3)  
Prerequisites: Economics 201 and 202. Comparison of the institutions that govern the production and distribution of goods and services in different countries. Focus on the evolution of institutions and their influence on economic performance. | 485 – New Institutional Economics (3)  
Prerequisites: Economics 201, 202, and 384. Comparison of the institutions that govern the production and distribution of goods and services in different countries. Focus on the evolution of institutions and their influence on economic performance. |

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)

I. Change in Course Title: Over the years, Comparative Economics has evolved from a comparison of major systems (for example, capitalism versus communism) to a more nuanced analysis of the various structures societies have utilized to organize themselves and the evolution of these structures throughout time. Essentially, comparative economics has evolved into New Institutional Economics. This evolution in the field motivates the change in course title.

II. Change in Prerequisite: In an effort to take our analysis of institutions to a deeper level, I would like to make Economics 384: Economic Development a prerequisite. I will introduce New Institutional Economics (institutions – in addition to geography and macroeconomic policies – is considered one of the three fundamental determinants of why some countries are rich and other countries are poor) in Econ 384.

III. Change in Course Number: I would like to change the course number from Econ 383 to Econ 485 in order to inform prospective students of the need to complete Econ 384 before enrolling in Econ 385.

IV. Impact: Econ 383 is an elective in the major so no impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses if foreseen.

TRANSITION PLAN (describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)
Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised during that time, the proposal becomes final. All expedited proposals approved in this way will be noted on the UCC web site.

If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).

Approvals

Department Chair __Robert Rycroft____________________________ Date: ___10/31/12________

College Curriculum Chair ______Bradley Hansen Date: ____11/9/12________