

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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Submitted by: Laura Mentore	Date Prepared: 10/10/18
Department/Discipline(s) and Course Number(s): ANTH 317	
Course Title: Economic Anthropology	

Type of change (check all applicable):

Number* _____ Title Description Prerequisites _____ Deletion _____ Cross list** _____

This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted. **With this course proposal, attach a list of ALL COURSES that will be affected by the number change (for example, cases where the course number that is changing is a prerequisite for another course).*

***To cross list courses between departments/colleges, there should be two cover sheets submitted with the proposal – one by the chair of each department with signatures from the relevant College Curriculum Committee Chair.*

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year _____

Current Catalog Entry	Proposed Catalog Entry (suggested length – less than 50 words)
317 – Economic Anthropology (3) Nature of non-western economies: production, division of labor, exchange and ceremonial exchange, debt, hierarchy. Impact of globalization and capitalist economic structure on such economies.	317 - World Economies (3) Comparative study of the cultural logic and moral principles of the major economic systems of the world. Includes barter, trade, gift exchange, early and late capitalism. Special attention to global expansion of capitalism into non-western societies.

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required). **Any change that impacts another Department must have a written statement (such as a copy of an email) from the Chair(s) agreeing to the change.**

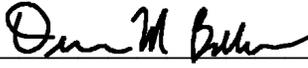
The proposed title better encapsulates the course content – a comparative study of the major economic systems and practices found throughout the world today and in recent human history. The proposed title does a better job of conveying upfront the cross-cultural, global scope of the course. The proposed description better reflects how the course has been taught since Professor Emeritus Margaret Huber retired in 2009. (The current title and description are hers). Her description suggests that “non-western economies” are the main focus, and that capitalism is only examined in terms of its “impacts” upon them. Since Huber’s retirement, the course has not been structured as a dichotomy between western and non-western economies. Rather, it more symmetrically examines the philosophical underpinnings and workings of humankind’s various major economic systems as documented by economic anthropologists and historians working in large and small-scale societies around the world. The course does still address how the global expansion of capitalism has impacted other economic systems but also considers the reverse, for example by looking at how impoverished urban communities often engage in gifting, barter and delayed reciprocity (some of the most ancient and globally diffused economic practices known to humankind) as strategies for surviving their marginalization in the capitalist class order. Thematically, “ceremonial exchange, debt, and hierarchy” are relevant but no longer the central, overarching themes in the course. This description better captures the contemporary approach to the sub-discipline of economic anthropology, as taught in most anthropology programs today.

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)

No transition plan is needed given the nature of the change.

Approvals

Department Chair Leslie Martin **Date:** 10/10/18

College Curriculum Chair  **Date:** 10/23/2018

Expedited course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised, 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).