PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY TO ESTABLISH OR MODIFY AN UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

Title of the proposed minor: International Development Economics Minor proposed by the College of ACES

Sponsoring unit(s): Department of Agricultural & Consumer Economics (ACE), College of ACES.

Contact: Margaret Rosso Grossman, 3-1821, peggyg@illinois.edu

Brief description of the program of study: Please explain how the proposed minor meets each of the following criteria:

- The minor program of study should require some depth in the subject, but not as extensive as the major. The proposed minor requires 19 hours of coursework spanning introductory economics to advanced courses on the economics of development and public policy. The current major concentration in Policy, International Trade and Development includes additional required coursework in economic theory, econometrics, accountancy, and computer applications that are not part of the proposed minor.

- Ordinarily, the minor should be: 1) a comprehensive study in a single discipline, or 2) an interdisciplinary study focusing on a single theme. If this minor is an exception, please explain and justify. The proposed minor fits the first description.

Justification: Basic issues of economic development remain central to the well-being of billions of people and a motivating interest for many students. Currently, the concentration in Policy, International Trade and Development in the Department of ACE is the only UIUC curriculum that focuses on issues of economic development. However, students interested in economic development may also wish to pursue majors in Political Science, Sociology, Urban Planning, Community Health, or other fields. Through a coherent set of courses addressing agriculture, consumers, poverty, trade, and public policy in developing economies, the proposed minor enables students to deepen their knowledge of development economics as a complement to studies in a related area. The Department of ACE has a long history of teaching, research, and outreach on international economic development.

Budgetary and Staff Implications:

a. Additional staff and dollars needed. None. With the exception of ACE 453, which is optional, all of the proposed courses are currently staffed.

b. Internal reallocations (e.g. change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.). Some classes may be slightly larger and require additional teaching assistance and larger rooms. No changes in teaching loads are anticipated.
c. **Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments.** No effect on course enrollments in other departments. [Paul Ellinger, Head of ACE, has contacted the Head of Economics, and a response is expected soon.]

d. **Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.** None. Please see letter of 26 January 2012 from Paula Kaufman, University Librarian.

**Requirements:** list the hours and course requirements for the proposed minor. The minor should consist of at least 16 and no more than 21 hours of course work. At least six hours of the minor must be advanced (300 or 400) level courses. If the proposed minor fails to meet these criteria, please provide a reason.

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<td>ACE 100*</td>
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<td>ACE 251</td>
<td>The World Food Economy</td>
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At least 3 hours from among:
- ACE 222 (3 hrs) Agricultural Marketing
- ACE 254/AFST 254 (3 hrs) Economic Systems in Africa
- ACE 255 (3 hrs) Economics of U.S. Rural Poverty & Development
- ACE 270 (3 hrs) Consumer Economics

At least 6 hours from among: †
- ACE 411 (3 hrs) Environment & Development
- ACE 436/BADMIN 436 (3 hrs) International Business Immersion
- ACE 451 (3 hrs) Agriculture in International Development
- ACE 452/ECON 452 (3 hrs) The Latin American Economies
- ACE 453 (3 hrs) Economic Development in South & Southeast Asia
- ACE 454 (3 hrs) Economic Development of Tropical Africa
- ACE 455 (3 hrs) International Trade in Food and Agriculture

At least 12 hours taken from the preceding two categories

* ECON 102 (3 hrs) Microeconomic Principles is accepted in lieu of ACE 100.
† Some of these courses have additional non-ACE prerequisites. A semester-long study abroad experience in an emerging market or developing economy (i.e., countries not part of the OECD) will be accepted in lieu of one of these courses.

**Prerequisites for the minor:** describe the prerequisites (if any) for the proposed minor. Prerequisite courses within the sponsoring unit count toward the total hours of coursework; prerequisite courses outside the sponsoring unit ordinarily do not. No additional prerequisites within the sponsoring unit.
Expected enrollment in the minor:  *provide an estimate of the total number of students expected in the minor once it achieves its full enrollment.*  10 students/year

Admission to the minor:  *describe how the department will monitor the admission process for the minor. If the department intends to limit enrollment in the minor, tell how this will be done.* The Department will sign-off on and retain copies of minor application forms. Admission restrictions are not anticipated.

Minor advisor:  *describe how students enrolled in the minor will be advised.* Students enrolled in the minor will be advised by Dr. Joyce Allen-Smith, Associate Professor, Department of ACE.

Certification of successful completion:  *describe the system that has been set up within the department and college of the sponsoring department/unit for certifying successful completion of the minor.* The ACES Office of Academic Programs certifies the completion of minors offered within the College.

Proposed Effective Date:  January 15, 2012

Statement for the Programs of Study Catalog:  *provide a brief description of the minor that includes a list of the specific courses and hours required.*

Through courses addressing agriculture, consumers, poverty, trade, and public policy in developing economies, this minor enables students to deepen their knowledge of development economics as a complement to studies in a related area. The minor requires:  (A) ACE 100 (4 hours), (B) ACE 251 (3 hours), (C) at least one course from among ACE 222, 254, 255, and 270 (each 3 hours), (D) at least two courses from among ACE 411, 436, 451, 452, 453, 454, and 455 (each 3 hours), and (E) at least 12 hours in courses listed in categories C and D. ECON 102 is accepted in lieu of ACE 100. A semester-long study abroad experience in an emerging or developing country is accepted in lieu of one course from category D. The 400-level courses may have additional prerequisites not included in the minor requirements.
Senate Educational Policy Committee
Proposal Check Sheet

PROPOSAL TITLE (Same as on proposal): Establish an Undergraduate Minor in International Development Economics

PROPOSAL TYPE (Please select all that apply below):

A. Program and degree proposals

1. This proposal is for a graduate program or degree
   □ Yes  □ No

2. Degree proposal (e.g. B.S., M.A. or Ph.D.)
   □ New degree — please name the new degree: _____
   □ Revision of an existing degree — please name the existing degree to be revised: _____

3. Major proposal (disciplinary focus, e.g., Mathematics)
   □ New major — please name the new major: _____
   □ Revision of an existing major — please name the existing major to be revised: _____

4. Concentration proposal (e.g. Financial Planning)
   □ New concentration — please name the new concentration: _____
   □ Revision of an existing concentration — please name the existing concentration to be revised: _____

5. Minor proposal (e.g. Cinema Studies)
   □ New minor — please name the new minor: International Development Economics
   □ Revision of an existing minor — please name the existing minor to be revised: _____
6. □ Proposal for renaming an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor
   - □ degree  □ major  □ concentration  □ minor
     Please provide the current name: ______
     Please provide the proposed new name: ______

7. □ Proposal for terminating an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor
   Please name the existing degree, major, concentration, or minor: ______

8. □ Proposal for a multi-institutional degree between Illinois (UIUC) and a foreign institution
   Please name the existing Illinois degree or program: ______
   Please name the partnering institution: ______

B. □ Proposal for renaming existing academic units (college, school, department, or program)
   Please provide the unit’s current name: ______
   Please provide the unit’s proposed new name: ______

C. □ Proposal for reorganizing existing units (colleges, schools, departments, or programs)
   □ Change in status of an existing and approved unit (e.g., change from a program to department) — please indicate current unit name including status: ______
   □ Transfer an existing unit
     Please provide the current unit’s name and home: ______
     Please provide the new home for the unit: ______
   □ Merge two or more existing units (e.g., merge department A with department B)
     Please provide the name and college of unit one to be merged: ______
     Please provide the name and college of unit two to be merged: ______
   □ Terminate an existing unit — please provide the current unit’s name and status: ______

D. □ Other educational policy proposals (e.g., academic calendar, grading policies, etc.)
   Please indicate the nature of the proposal: ______
January 5, 2012

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of ACES to establish a new minor in International Development Economics.

This proposal has been approved by the Committee on Courses and Curricula in the College of ACES. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kristi A. Kuntz
Assistant Provost

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Enclosures

c:  J. Braden
    P. Ellinger
    F. W. Simmons
November 18, 2011

Kristi Kuntz, Assistant Provost
Office of the Provost, Second Floor
Swanlund Administration Building
Campus MC-304

Dear Kristi:

Please find enclosed a proposal to establish a new Minor in International Development Economics from the College of ACES. It has been reviewed and approved by the ACES C&C Committee, and now I am forwarding it to you for campus-level review.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

F. William Simmons
Assistant Dean, College of ACES

FWS/rhc

cc: J. B. Braden
    P. N. Ellinger
    ACE C&C File
February 6, 2012

Margaret Rosso Grossman  
Professor and Bock Chair in Agricultural Law  
Undergraduate Curriculum Director  
Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics  
333 Mumford Hall  
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Dr. Grossman:

We appreciate that you have provided our Department with an opportunity to examine your proposal for a Minor in International Development Economics. Your proposal has been reviewed by our Director of Undergraduate Studies, Colleen Schultz, by our Director of Graduate Studies, George Deltas, and by myself.

Development Economics is a field in which our Department has a long tradition of faculty members and courses, and we plan to continue that tradition. Your Department also has a tradition in this field. In our view, your faculty, programs, and courses in this field are complementary to our faculty and courses, as well as our future plans. As a result, we support this proposal and look forward to expanded interactions between our Departments.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Martin K. Perry  
Head, Department of Economics
January 26, 2012

Margaret Rosso Grossman
Professor and Bock Chair in Agricultural Law
Undergraduate Curriculum Director
Dept. of Agricultural and Consumer Economics
333 Mumford Hall
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Dear Dr. Grossman:

Thank you for affording the University Library the opportunity to review the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics’ proposal to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy to establish a minor in International Development Economics. Based upon the proposal received from you on January 19, 2012, there is nothing in the packet to indicate that there will be an appreciable impact on our operations or collections.

If additional services or materials are required as the program develops, we will be happy to discuss securing the requisite resources with the program sponsors.

Sincerely,

Paula Kaufman
Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson
Dean of Libraries and University Librarian

c: Thomas Teper
Pat Allen