February 17, 2013

Dr. Larry Grabau Associate Dean of Instruction N-6 AG North College of Agriculture

Dear Dr. Grabau,

On behalf of the Agriculture Economics faculty, please accept the attached curriculum changes. These changes are based on the agreed recommendation of the faculty. You will find attached the Undergraduate Program Change Form and supporting documentation including relevant syllabi and a description of our newly proposed academic enrichment requirement.

There are 5 changes included that are part of the major program change:

Proposed Change #1

All students entering the Agriculture Economics program for the 2013 fall semester will be required to satisfy a mandatory academic enrichment requirement. Students may satisfy this requirement by completing one of the following:

- a meaningful pre-professional internship (AEC 399),
- a significant independent research project (AEC 395), or
- a meaningful program of study or employment abroad (AEC 396).

A full-description of the academic enrichment requirement is provided in the appendix.

Proposed Change #2

All students entering the Agriculture Economics program for the 2013 fall semester will be required to take **AEC 301**, a **1-hour course** designed to expose students to post-graduate opportunities and to better prepare them for the job market or graduate school. A copy of the syllabus is included as an appendix. This course will be taken once the student has earned status as a junior and after they have completed one of the three Ag Econ Core courses: AEC 302, AEC 303 or AEC 305.

AEC 399 students: If a student chooses to complete an internship, the student MUST take AEC 301 before or during the internship experience.

Non-AEC 399 Students: If a student chooses to satisfy the academic enrichment requirement with a study abroad (AEC 396) or through AEC 395, the student is not limited to when they take AEC 301 as long as they are of junior status and they have successfully earned a C or better in one of the three Ag Econ core courses listed above.

Proposed Change #3

Currently, all Ag Econ students must take **12 hours of AEC elective at the 300+ level**. The faculty recently passed a motion to change this requirement to "all students must take **12 hours of AEC elective**, at least **3 of the 12 hours must be earned at the 400+ level**."

This motion was passed in an effort to improve the rigor of the material students were exposed to. Courses at the 400 level tend to include more activities/projects that require both written and oral communication. In addition, the faculty felt strongly that our students needed more exposure to advanced theory and applications to make them move competitive candidates in the workplace.

Proposed Changes #4 and #5

- a) Convert AEC 424 to AEC 326. The faculty felt that is was important to keep all of the Ag Econ law courses at the same level provided the learning outcomes were similar. With "proposed change #3", it became clear that students could satisfy this requirement by take AEC 424 and the instructors of this course felt that this course didn't reflect similar advanced content and applications that the other 400+ Ag Econ courses offered. The learning outcomes associated with AEC 326 now are a bit more basic and the instructors have reduced the number of assignments to be more consistent with a 300-level course.
- b) **New Course: AEC 301**. All students will now be required to take AEC 301, a 1 hour course devoted to post-graduate opportunities and preparing students to be more competitive in the workforce. The full syllabus is included as an appendix.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We very much appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Davis on behalf of the Department of Agriculture Economics

AEC 301 - Fall 2013

Career Readiness for Agricultural Economics Class Meets Barnhart 227, Mondays 2 – 2:50 pm

Instructor: Alison Davis

Office Address: 411 Barnhart Building

Email: Alison.davis@uky.edu
Office Phone: 859-257-7260
Office Hours: Monday 1 – 2pm

Course Description: This course examines post-graduate opportunities, expectations, and strategies in agricultural economics. In addition, the course explores information relevant to writing resumes, completing job applications, and participating in job interviews.

Prerequisites: Student must have completed at least 60 credit hours of coursework including at least a C or better in one of the following courses:

AEC 302: Agricultural Management Principles

AEC 303: Microeconomic Concepts in Agricultural Economics

AEC 305: Food & Agricultural Marketing Principles

Required Materials: Power Up Your Job Search: A Modern Approach, Capone and Henderson, 2009

Student Learning Outcomes: After completing this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Identify career options using online tools, college resources, and internship experiences.
- 2. Identify graduate school opportunities and follow through with decisions regarding the application process: personal statements, letters of recommendation, and curriculum vitae.
- 3. Prepare for the interview process and implement tips and strategies for successful interviewing
- 4. Develop a personal code of ethics to guide decision-making rooted in a sense of responsibility as a member of society
- 5. Translate acquired knowledge to employment skills
- 6. Build and sustain professional relationships and networks

Course Assignments: A student can earn a maximum of 300 points.

Personal Statement: 50 points Final Resume: 50 Points

Final Mock Interview: 50 Points Final Mock Interviewer: 30 Points Company Research: 25 Points

Graduate School Research: 25 Points

Class Participation: 20 Points Career Goals: 25 Points Soft Skills Quizzes: 25 Points

Course Grading:

270 – 300 points: A 240 – 269.99 points: B 210 – 239.99 points: C 180 – 209.99 points: D Below 180 points: E

Final Exam: There will be no final exam.

Midterm Grades: Mid-term grades will be posted in myUK by the deadline established in the Academic Calendar (http://www.uky.edu/Registrar/AcademicCalendar.htm)

Course Policies:

Submission of Assignments: All assignments must be submitted on-time during the class period in paper format. Any late assignments will NOT be accepted without an approved excused absence.

Attendance Policy: Attendance is required for each weekly meeting. Any unexcused absence will result in a reduction of 10 points from the student's grade.

Excused Absences:

Students need to notify the professor of absences prior to class when possible. S.R. 5.2.4.2 defines the following as acceptable reasons for excused absences: (a) serious illness, (b) illness or death of family member, (c) University-related trips, (d) major religious holidays, and (e) other circumstances found to fit "reasonable cause for nonattendance" by the professor.

Students anticipating an absence for a major religious holiday are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays no later than the last day in the semester to add a class. Information regarding dates of major religious holidays may be obtained through the religious liaison, Mr. Jake Karnes (859-257-2754).

Students are expected to withdraw from the class if more than 20% of the classes scheduled for the semester are missed (excused or unexcused) per university policy.

Verification of Absences:

Students may be asked to verify their absences in order for them to be considered excused. Senate Rule 5.2.4.2 states that faculty have the right to request "appropriate verification" when students claim an excused absence because of illness or death in the family. Appropriate notification of absences due to university-related trips is required prior to the absence.

Academic Integrity (boilerplate):

Per university policy, students shall not plagiarize, cheat, or falsify or misuse academic records. Students are expected to adhere to University policy on cheating and plagiarism in all courses. The minimum penalty for a first offense is a zero on the assignment on which the offense occurred. If the offense is considered severe or the student has other academic offenses on

their record, more serious penalties, up to suspension from the university may be imposed.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious breaches of academic conduct. Each student is advised to become familiar with the various forms of academic dishonesty as explained in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Complete information can be found at the following website: http://www.uky.edu/Ombud. A plea of ignorance is not acceptable as a defense against the charge of academic dishonesty. It is important that you review this information as all ideas borrowed from others need to be properly credited.

Part II of Student Rights and Responsibilities (available online http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/part2.html) states that all academic work, written or otherwise, submitted by students to their instructors or other academic supervisors, is expected to be the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression. In cases where students feel unsure about the question of plagiarism involving their own work, they are obliged to consult their instructors on the matter before submission.

When students submit work purporting to be their own, but which in any way borrows ideas, organization, wording or anything else from another source without appropriate acknowledgement of the fact, the students are guilty of plagiarism. Plagiarism includes reproducing someone else's work, whether it be a published article, chapter of a book, a paper from a friend or some file, or something similar to this. Plagiarism also includes the practice of employing or allowing another person to alter or revise the work which a student submits as his/her own, whoever that other person may be.

Students may discuss assignments among themselves or with an instructor or tutor, but when the actual work is done, it must be done by the student, and the student alone. When a student's assignment involves research in outside sources of information, the student must carefully acknowledge exactly what, where and how he/she employed them. If the words of someone else are used, the student must put quotation marks around the passage in question and add an appropriate indication of its origin. Making simple changes while leaving the organization, content and phraseology intact is plagiaristic. However, nothing in these Rules shall apply to those ideas which are so generally and freely circulated as to be a part of the public domain (Section 6.3.1).

Please note: Any assignment you turn in may be submitted to an electronic database to check for plagiarism.

Accommodations due to disability:

If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center (Room 2, Alumni Gym, 257-2754, email address: jkarnes@email.uky.edu) for coordination

1. General Information

College: <u>Agriculture</u>		De	partment: <u>Agricultural E</u>	<u>Economics</u>	
Current Major Name	urrent Major Name: Agricultural Economics		Proposed Major Name:	Agricultural Economics	
Current Degree Title	Degree Title: Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics		Proposed Degree Title:	Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics	
Formal Option(s): Agribusiness Management and Food Marketing track; Agricultural Economics track		Proposed Formal Option(s):		Agribusiness Management and Food Marketing track; Agricultural Economics track	
Specialty Field w/in Formal Option:	<u>x</u>		pposed Specialty Field in Formal Options:	<u>x</u>	
Date of Contact with	n Associate Provost for Academic	Adm	ninistration ¹ : $2/15/2013$		
Bulletin (yr & pgs):	$\frac{2012-2013}{\text{pages }97-98}$ CIP Code ¹ :	01.0	0103	Today's Date: 2/15/2013	
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):					
Requested Effective Date: Semester following approval. OR Specific Date ² :					
Dept. Contact Person: Alison Davis Phone: 257-7260 Email: Alison.Davis@uky.edu					

2. General Education Curriculum for this Program:

The new General Education curriculum is comprised of the equivalent of 30 credit hours of course work. There are, however, some courses that exceed 3 credits & this would result in more than 30 credits in some majors.

- There is no foreign language requirement for the new Gen Ed curriculum.
- There is no General Education Electives requirement.

Please list the courses/credit hours currently used to fulfill the University Studies/General Education curriculum:

I. Intellectual Inquiry (One course in each area)

Natural/Physical Mathematical (3)

Social Sciences (3)

Humanities (3)

Arts and Creativity (3)

II. Composition and Communication

CIS or WRD 110 (3)

CIS or WRD 111 (3)

III. Quantitative Reasoning

Quantitative Foundations (3)

Statistical Inferential Reasoning (3)

IV. Citizenship

Community, Culture, and Citizenship in the USA (3)

Global Dymanmics (3)

Total Credit Hours (30)

¹ Prior to filling out this form, you MUST contact the Associate Provost for Academic Administration (APAA). If you do not know the CIP code, the (APAA) can provide you with that during the contact.

² Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No program will be made effective until all approvals are received.

General Education Area	Course	Credit Hrs
I. Intellectual Inquiry (one course in each area)		
	<u>Choose from</u>	<u>3</u>
Arts and Creativity	<u>Approved</u>	
	<u>Choose from</u>	<u>3</u>
Humanities	<u>Approved List</u>	
	<u>ECO 101 or</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>Choose from</u>	
Social Sciences	Approved List	
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Natural/Physical/Mathematical	<u>Approved List</u>	
II. Composition and Communication		
Composition and Communication I	CIS or WRD 110	3
Composition and Communication II	CIS or WRD 111	3
III. Quantitative Reasoning (one course in each area)		
	<u>MA 123 or</u>	<u>4</u>
Quantitative Foundations ³	<u>MA 113</u>	$\frac{\frac{4}{4}}{\frac{3}{2}}$
	STA 210 or Choose	<u>3</u>
Statistical Inferential Reasoning	from Approved List	
IV. Citizenship (one course in each area)		
Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA	GEN 100	<u>3</u>
	<u>Choose from</u>	<u>3</u>
Global Dynamics	Approved List	
	otal General Education Hours	30

3. Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 4 to 12) involve courses offered by another department/program. Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).

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4. Explain how satisfaction of the University Graduation Writing Requirement will be changed.

Current	Proposed	
Standard University course offering.	Standard University course offering.	
List:	List:	
Specific course – list: WRD 203	Specific course) – list: WRD 203	

5. List any changes to college-level requirements that must be satisfied.

Current	Proposed
Standard college requirement.	Standard college requirement.
List: <u>GEN 100</u>	List: <u>GEN 100</u>

³ Note that MA 109 is NOT approved as a Quantitative Foundations course. Students in a major requiring calculus will use a calculus course (MA 113, 123, 137 or 138) while students not requiring calculus should take MA 111, PHI 120 or another approved course.

Specific required course – list:	Specific course – list:
pre-major or pre-professional course requirements t	hat will change, including credit hours.
Current	Proposed
AG ECON Option:	No Changes
ECO 201 (3)	
ECO 202 (3)	AG ECON Option:
MA 113(4) or MA 123 (4) and MA 162 (3)	ECO 201 (3)
STA 291 (3)	$\overline{ECO\ 202\ (3)}$
ECO 391 (3)	MA 113(4) or MA 123 (4) and MA 162 (3)
WRD 203 (3)	STA 291 (3)
<u>.</u>	ECO 391 (3)
Agribusiness and Food Marketing Option:	WRD 203 (3)
CS 101 (3)	
ECO 201 (3)	Agribusiness and Food Marketing Option:
ECO 202 (3)	CS 101 (3)
MA 113 (4) or MA 123 (4) and MA 162 (3)	ECO 201 (3)
STA 291 (3)	ECO 202 (3)
ECO 391 (3)	MA 113 (4) or MA 123 (4)/MA 137 (4) and MA 16.
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No Changes: Business Minor required for

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Minor required for

Agribusiness Management and Food Marketing Option
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or professional support electives?
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or higher to fulfill the student's area of interest and
selected with advisor's approval from the following
departments: ACC, AEN, AN, ASC, BAE, COM, CS,
ECO, ENT, FIN, FOR, MA, MGT, MKT, PLS, PS, PSY, SOC, VS
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Proposed <u>Agricultural Economics Option: minimum of 16</u>

13. Summary of changes in required credit hours:

			Current	Proposed
a.	Credit Hours of Premajor or Preprofess	Ag Econ: 20-23 AgBus: 23-26	<u>No Changes:</u> <u>Ag Econ: 20-23</u> <u>AgBus: 23-26</u>	
b.	Credit Hours of Major's Requirements:	Ag Econ: 25 AgBus: 25	<u>Ag Econ:29</u> <u>AgBus: 29</u>	
c.	Credit Hours for Required Minor:	AgBus: 12	No Changes: Ag Bus: 12	
d.	Credit Hours Needed for a Specific Opti	Ag Econ: 25 AgBus: 25	Ag Econ:29 AgBus: 29	
e.	Credit Hours Outside of Major Subject i	in Related Field:		
f.	Credit Hours in Technical or Professiona	al Support Electives:	21	NO Changes 21
g.	Minimum Credit Hours of Free/Support	tive Electives:	<u>22</u>	<u>18</u>
h.	Total Credit Hours Required by Level:	100:	No Changes	No Changes
		200:	No Changes	No Changes
		300:	Ag Econ 25 Ag Business: 37	Ag Econ:26 Ag Business:38
		400-500:	Ag Econ: 3 Ag Business: 3	Ag Econ: 6 Ag Business:6
i.	Total Credit Hours Required for Gradua	ition:	Ag Econ: 120 Ag Business: 120	Ag Econ:120 Ag Business:120

14. Rationale for Change(s) – if rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to that.

The Agricultural Economics Program proposes three major changes to the program:

- 1) All students must take AEC 301, a 1 hour course dedicated to preparing students for the job market and other post-graduate options including graduate schools. The rationale for this addition is that students need to better understand the expectations of life after college and they need to learn the soft skills that make them competitive candidates for jobs.
- 2) All students must take either AEC 395, AEC 396, or AEC 399. After talking to employers, we learned that students with work experience before graduating make them better candidates for jobs. We heard from employers that while grades matter, "it is most important that students have something to talk about in interviews." This could include an internship, a self-guided research project or a learning experience outside of the U.S.
- 3) We are now requiring our students to take at least 3 hours of their 12 Ag Econ elective hours at the 400+ level. We feel that students need to be exposed to a bit more rigor in their coursework and the Ag Econ program believes that there are valuable tools and learning outcomes from the set of AEC 400+ courses that we offer. An Ag Econ student that only takes courses at the 300 level is not learning advanced, in depth material that will make them competitive for graduate school or for their career.

15. List below the typical semester by semester program for the major. If multiple options are available, attach a separate sheet for each option.

YEAR 1 – FALL: (e.g. "BIO 103; 3 credits")	See Attached	YEAR 1 – SPRING:	
YEAR 2 - FALL :		YEAR 2 – SPRING:	
YEAR 3 - FALL:		YEAR 3 - SPRING:	
YEAR 4 - FALL:		YEAR 4 - SPRING:	

Signature Routing Log

General Information:

Current Degree Title and Major Name: <u>Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics</u>

Proposal Contact Person Name: Alison Davis Phone: 257-7260 Email:

alison.davis@uky.edu

INSTRUCTIONS:

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
Department of Agricultural Economics Undergraduate Committee	2/6/2013	Alison Davis / 7-7260 / Alison.Davis@uky.edu	
Department of Agricultural Economics	2/8/2013	Leigh Maynard / 7-7562 / lmaynard@uky.edu	
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External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision ⁴
Undergraduate Council	4/30/13	Joanie Ett-Mims	
Graduate Council			
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:	

⁴ Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.

Proposed Schedule of Courses

Ag Econ Option:

Year 1 – Fall: MA 109 (3) UK Core (3) CIS 110 (3) GEN 100 (3) STA 210 – UK Core (3) Total: 15 hours	Year 1 – Spring: MA 123 (4) or MA 137 (4) UK Core (6) ECO 201 (3) CIS 111 (3) Total: 15 hours
Year 2 – Fall STA 291 (3) ECO 202 (3) UK Core (3) ACC 201 (3) Elective (3) Total: 15 hours	Year 2 – Spring AEC 303 (3) MA 162 (3) UK Core (3) AEC 305 (3) ACC 202 (3) Total: 15 hours
Year 3 – Fall ECO 391 (3) WRD 203 (3) AEC 302 (4) AEC elective (3) Specialty Support (3) Total: 16 hours	Year 3 – Spring AEC 301(1) AEC electives (6) Specialty Support (6) Electives (3) Total: 16 hours
Year 4 – Fall AEC 399 or AEC 580 (3) AEC elective (400+ (3)) Specialty Support (6) Elective (3) Total: 15 hours	Year 4 – Spring AEC 422 (3) Elective (10 hours) Total 13 hours:

Agribusiness and Food Marketing Option:

Year 1 – Fall: MA 109 (3) UK Core (3) CIS 110 (3) GEN 100 (3) STA 210 – UK Core (3) Total: 15 hours	Year 1 – Spring: MA 123 (4) or MA 137 (4) UK Core (6) ECON 201 (3) CIS 111 (3) Total: 15 hours
Year 2 – Fall STA 291 (3) ECON 202 (3) UK Core (3) ACC 201 (3) CS 101 (3) Total: 15 hours	Year 2 – Spring AEC 303 (3) MA 162 (3) UK Core (3) AEC 305 (3) ACC 202 (3) Total: 15 hours
Year 3 – Fall ECO 391 (3) WRD 203 (3) AEC 302 (4) AEC elective (3) Elective (3) Total: 16 hours	Year 3 – Spring AEC 301(1) AEC electives (6) MKT 300 (3) MGT 301 (3) Electives (3) Total: 16 hours
Year 4 – Fall AEC 399 or AEC 580 (3) AEC elective (400+ (3)) FIN 300 (3) Specialty Support (3) Elective (3) Total: 15 hours	Year 4 – Spring AEC 422 (3) Elective (7 hours) AN 320 (3) Total 13 hours