

## Brothers, Sheila C

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**From:** Yost, Scott A  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 1:09 PM  
**To:** Brothers, Sheila C  
**Subject:** RE: change in PhD program Econ

The SAASC voted to approve the changes to the Econ PhD program. The proposed changes deal with modifying the qualifying exam. Currently students take a written exam at certain times of the year. The program, which has 6 different areas, wants the flexibility to add a field paper requirement, in addition to the written exam. Whether a paper is required or not is up to the faculty in the different areas. The committee was concerned that within an area students will be treated differently (i.e. One student only needs to pass an exam, another student must pass exam and paper). Upon asking the program for this clarification, they did confirm that the decision to include or not include a paper is made the area. Hence all students in the same area would be subject to the same requirements. But they do recognize the fact that there might be differences between areas within the program. In fact the proposal was for the inclusion of an optional field paper as some area do not want to formally recommend a paper.

## CHANGE DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM FORM

### GENERAL INFORMATION

College:	<u>B&amp;E</u>	Department:	<u>Economics</u>
Current Major Name:	<u>Economics</u>	Proposed Major Name:	_____
Current Degree Title:	<u>PhD</u>	Proposed Degree Title:	_____
Current Formal Option(s):	_____	Proposed Formal Option(s):	_____
Current Specialty Fields w/in Formal Option:	_____	Proposed Specialty Fields w/in Formal Option:	_____
Date of Contact with Associate Provost for Academic Administration <sup>1</sup> : _____			
Bulletin (yr & pgs):	<u>2014-15, p. 96</u>	CIP Code <sup>1</sup> :	_____
		Today's Date:	<u>3/24/2016</u>
Accrediting agency (if applicable):	_____		
Requested Effective Date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester following approval.	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date <sup>2</sup> : _____
Dept Contact Person:	<u>Jenny Minier</u>	Phone:	<u>7-9681</u>
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### CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed: <i>(Maximum is Graduate School limit of total of 9 hours (or 25% of the credit hours needed to fulfill the pre-qualifying residency requirement.)</i>	_____	_____
2. Residence requirement: <i>(Minimum of one year before and after Qualifying Exams.)</i>	_____	_____
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required:	_____	_____
4. Provisions for monitoring progress and termination criteria:	_____	_____
5. Total credit hours required:	_____	_____
6. Required courses:	_____	_____
7. Required distribution of courses within program:	<u>590,601,602,603, 701, 702, 703, 706, 704</u>	<u>590, 601, 602, 603, 701, 702, 703, 706, 707 OR 790</u>
8. Minor area or courses outside program required:	_____	_____
9. Distribution of courses levels required (400G-500/600-700):	_____	_____
10. Qualifying examination	<u>a. Written Examination: The written</u>	<u>a. Written Examination: The written</u>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Programs are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No program will be made effective until all approvals are received.

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<p>requirements:</p>	<p><u>examination must be taken in one of the student's two elective fields as part of the requirements for candidacy for the Ph.D. degree. The choice of the field in which the student takes the exam should reflect the intended field in which the student is to write his or her dissertation. This examination is given twice a year, at the beginning of the spring semester and at the beginning of the eight week summer session. The written examination is prepared and graded by specialists in the respective fields. In the event that the student fails the examination, the student's Advisory Committee determines the conditions which must be met before another examination is given. The minimum time between examinations is four months. Two failures to pass the written examination constitute failure of the qualifying examination.</u></p>	<p><i>examination must be taken in one of the student's two elective fields as part of the requirements for candidacy for the Ph.D. degree. The choice of the field in which the student takes the exam should reflect the intended field in which the student is to write his or her dissertation. This examination is given twice a year, at the beginning of the spring semester and at the beginning of the eight week summer session. A field may elect to require a paper in addition to an exam; this requirement and all associated dates will be announced no later than August prior to the year the field classes are offered. The written examination is prepared and graded by specialists in the respective fields. In the event that the student fails the examination, the student's Advisory Committee determines the conditions which must be met before another examination is given. The minimum time between examinations is four months. Two failures to pass the written examination constitute failure of the qualifying examination.</i></p>
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11. Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in numbers 1 through 10) involve courses offered by another department/program. Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).

No, courses are all within economics department.

12. Other requirements not covered above:

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13. What is the rationale for the proposed changes? If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.

Course requirement change: We have required a third course in microeconomics, ECO 704 "General Equilibrium," to be taken in the second year of the program. Much of this material is also covered in ECO 601, the first-semester microeconomics course. We feel that our students would benefit more from taking an additional econometrics course, and formally integrating the general equilibrium material into ECO 601. ECO 707 and ECO 790 are existing econometrics classes offered regularly by our program, and almost all students already take at least one of them. Economics has become more empirical and quantitative over time, and these classes better prepare our students to write empirical/quantitative dissertations.

Qualifying exam change: There are 6 fields in the Economics PhD program. Each field writes a qualifying exam covering appropriate material for students specializing in that field for the written component of the qualifying exam. Some fields would like to supplement the exam with a field paper; the change allows them to do so.

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### General Information:


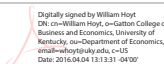
Proposal Name: Economics PhD (Course requirements, Qualifying examoptions)

Proposal Contact Person Name: Jenny Minier Phone: 7-9681 Email: jminier@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
Economics Graduate Studies	03/21/2016	Jenny Minier / 7-9681 / jminier@uky.edu	 <small>Digitally signed by Jenny Minier DN: cn=Jenny Minier, ou=University of Kentucky, ou=Economics/Gatton College, email=jminier@uky.edu, c=US Date: 2016.03.20 19:48:24 -0400'</small>
Economics Dept	03/24/2016	William Hoyt / 7-2518/whoyt@uky.edu	 <small>Digitally signed by William Hoyt DN: cn=William Hoyt, ou=Gatton College of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky, ou=Department of Economics, email=whoyt@uky.edu, c=US Date: 2016.04.04 13:13:31 -0400'</small>
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### External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision <sup>3</sup>
Undergraduate Council			
Graduate Council	5/12/16	Roshan Nikou	
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

<sup>3</sup> Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.