

## Brothers, Sheila

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Brothers, Sheila; McCormick, Katherine  
**Cc:** Brown, Roger  
**Subject:** Proposed New University Scholars Program: BS Agricultural Economics and MS Agricultural Economics  
**Attachments:** USP Agricultural Economics - UK (1).pdf

### **Proposed New University Scholars Program: BS Agricultural Economics and MS Agricultural Economics**

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program: BS Agricultural Economics and MS Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agricultural Economics within the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment.

This is part of the expedited review process for University Scholars Programs. It is separated because it was not on the list received by the Graduate School, although the department and college have been operating the program for a while.

The revised program is attached.

Thanks!  
Margaret

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## NEW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM (USP)

The University Scholars Program (USP) offers students the opportunity and challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses of study into a single, continuous program leading to both a baccalaureate and master's degree. The student's particular requirements will determine the amount of time needed to complete the program, but the two programs can be completed in less time than that required in a conventional program.

Once approved at the college level, your college will send the proposal to the Graduate Council (GC) for review and approval. (Requirements for the bachelor's degree must remain unchanged, so there is no review by the Undergraduate Council.) After approval by the GC, the GC will send your proposal to the Senate Council office for additional review via a committee and then to the Senate for approval. Once approved by the Senate, the Senate Council office will report approvals to the Provost, Registrar and other appropriate entities, including the contact person. The contact person listed on the form will be informed when the proposal has been sent to committee and other times as appropriate.

| 1. GENERAL INFORMATION |  |  |   |   |
|------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1a                     | Bachelor's major name:   | Agricultural Economics                                       |   |   |
| 1b                     | Bachelor's degree:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Arts                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |
|                        | If "Other," explain:   |  |   |   |
| 1c                     | Bachelor's degree home college:  | Agriculture, Food & Environment                              |   |   |
| 1d                     | Bachelor's degree home department/school:  | Agricultural Economics                                       |   |   |
| 1e                     | Graduate major name:   | Agricultural Economics                                       |   |   |
| 1f                     | Graduate degree:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's of Arts                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master's of Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's of Education <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
|                        | If "Other," explain:   |  |   |   |
| 1g                     | Graduate degree home college:  | Agriculture, Food & Environment                              |   |   |
| 1h                     | Graduate degree home department/school:  | Agricultural Economics                                       |   |   |
| 1i                     | Requested effective date:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester after approval. | OR  | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date <sup>1</sup> :                         |
| 1j                     | Contact person name:   | Roger Brown  | Email:  | rogerbrown@uky.edu Phone: 7-7257  |
| 2. OVERVIEW            |  |  |   |   |
| 2a                     | Provide a brief description of the proposed USP. (300 word limit)  |  |   |   |
|                        | This University Scholars Program will allow advanced undergraduate students in Agricultural Economics to simultaneously pursue a Masters degree in the same subject. |  |   |   |

<sup>1</sup> University Scholars Programs are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No program will be made effective unless all approvals, up through and including University Senate approval, are received.

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| 2b                                     | Explain the need (e.g. market demand). (300 word limit)   |   |  |
|  | <i>Some Kentucky employers in ag finance, business development, and extension commonly hire our students but require a masters degree. Our MS program accomodates students with an interest in extension and related careers; such students are typically in-state and come through our undergraduate program. The USP is thus a recruiting tool and a way for students to efficiently acquire the credentialing they seek.</i> |   |  |
| 2c                                     | Describe the target audience. (150 word limit)  |   |  |
|  | <i>Undergraduate students in agricultural economics seeking a MS in agricultural economics. We would consider students in related undergraduate majors, as well, but expect low numbers.</i>  |   |  |
| <b>3. Basic Requirements</b>           |   |   |  |
| 3a                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check to confirm that the USP is open to undergraduates with senior standing who have completed at least 90 hours of course work.   |   |  |
| 3b                                     | Undergraduates must have satisfied all UK Core requirements prior to applying.  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | If "No," explain. (150 word limit)  |   |  |
|  | Prior to applying, undergraduates must have a plan to complete all UK Core requirements that is approved by their academic advisor.   |   |  |
| 3c                                     | Application to the USP is at the end of the student's junior year.  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|  | If "No," explain. (150 word limit)  |   |  |
|  | Applications prior to the last semester of the undergraduate program will also be considered.   |   |  |
| 3d                                     | For admission to the USP, the undergraduate GPA is greater than or equal to 3.5 in the student's major (including cross-listed courses) and 3.2 overall.  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|  | If "No," explain. (150 word limit)  |   |  |
| 3e                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box to confirm that application to the program will follow the current procedures for application to the Graduate School, subject to the conditions in questions 3a through 3d, above.  |   |  |
| 3f                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check box to confirm that the USP is designed so that students will not take more than 16 credit hours per semester. (Permission to exceed that number is subject to approval by the Director of Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School.)   |   |  |
| <b>4. Specific Course Requirements</b> |   |   |  |
| 4a                                     | Up to twelve (12) credit hours from the bachelor's degree may be used towards the graduate degree. How many credits from the undergraduate degree will count towards the graduate degree?   |   |  |
|  | 12  |   |  |

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| 4b                                      | List below the 400G- and 500-level courses in the bachelor's degree that will count towards the graduate degree. The student must be graded as a graduate student in the courses listed below for the course(s) to count towards the graduate degree. |   |                             |
| Prefix & Number                         | Course Title  | Credit Hrs                              |                             |
| AEC 503                                 | Price Theory And Applications   | 3                                       |                             |
| AEC 510                                 | Internatl Trade & Ag Mkt  | 3                                       |                             |
| AEC 531                                 | Agricultural Price Analysis   | 3                                       |                             |
| AEC 532                                 | Agricult & Food Policy  | 3                                       |                             |
| AEC 545                                 | Resource And Environ Economics  | 3                                       |                             |
| AEC 580                                 | Special Problems: Ag Economics  | 3                                       |                             |
|   | (plus other courses approved by the Directors of undergraduate and graduate studies)  |   |                             |
|   | TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS:   | 12                                      |                             |
| 4a.                                     | Does the USP involve prerequisite courses <sup>2</sup> or concurrent enrollment <sup>3</sup> in certain courses?  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   | If "Yes," please list the courses below.  |   |                             |
| Prefix & Number                         | Course Title  | Credit Hrs                              | Course Type <sup>4</sup>    |
| MA 113                                  | CALCULUS I  | 4                                       | Prerequisite                |
|   | <i>or demonstrated proficiency of the same</i>  |   | Prerequisite                |
|   |   |   | Select one....              |
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|   |   |   | Select one....              |
| 4b                                      | Provide the Bulletin language for prerequisite or concurrent enrollment courses.  |   |                             |
|   | A "C" or better in MA 113 or its equivalent is required for admission to the University Scholars Program unless approved by the Director of Graduate Studies.   |   |                             |
| <b>5. ADMINISTRATION AND ASSESSMENT</b> |   |   |                             |
| 5a                                      | Describe how the proposed USP will be administered, including admissions, student advising, retention, etc. (150 word limit)  |   |                             |
|   | <i>The Director of Undergraduate Studies for the AEC program will supervise the University Scholars Program. Applicants must follow the application procedures and meet the admission standards for both the Graduate School</i>                      |   |                             |

<sup>2</sup> Prerequisite courses are completed prior to initiation of the USP, i.e. at the undergraduate level.

<sup>3</sup> Concurrent enrollment courses are in progress, i.e. in which the student is currently enrolled.

<sup>4</sup> Use the drop-down list to indicate if the course is a prerequisite or may be taken currently.

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and the MS in AEC program. Students admitted to the program will be assigned a MS faculty advisor who will advise students the graduate portion of the program. For the remainder of their undergraduate program, students will continue to be advised by their undergraduate academic advisors. The DUS will monitor retention rates for the program.

5b Describe evaluation procedures for the proposed USP. Include how to determine whether the USP is a success or a failure. (250 word limit)

*The primary method for determining the success of the USP will be the graduation rates of those participating in the program. Further indications of success will be the number of students entering advanced professional degree programs or obtaining relevant employment after graduation. This information will be gathered via social media outlets (LinkedIn, Facebook, etc), discussion with faculty who served as advisors for their programs, and/or directly from the alumni.*

**6. MISCELLANEOUS**

6a Is there anything else about the proposed USP that should be mentioned? (150 word limit)

No

**7. APPROVALS/REVIEWS**

Document steps in the approval process below.

|    | Reviewing Group Name  | Date Approved | Contact Person Name/Phone/Email                |
|----|---|---------------|--|
| 7a | <i>(Within College) In addition to the information below, attach documentation of department and college approval. This typically takes the form of meeting minutes but may also be an email from the unit heads reporting department- and college-level votes.</i> |               |  |
|    | Ag Econ Department  |               | Leigh Maynard / 7-7277 / leigh.maynard@uky.edu |
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| 7b | (Collaborating and/or Affected Units) |  |     |
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| 7c | (Senate's Academic Councils)                 | Date Approved | Contact Person Name |
|----|--|---------------|---------------------|
|    | Health Care Colleges Council (if applicable) |               |                     |
|    | Graduate Council                             | 12/21/17      | Roshan Nikou        |

8/29/2017

Re: Your vote is needed: University Scholars Program - Brown, Roger

## Re: Your vote is needed: University Scholars Program

Brown, Roger

Tue 8/29/2017 10:54 AM

To: Brown, Roger <rogerbrown@uky.edu>;

To Print

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**From:** Maynard, Leigh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:53 AM  
**To:** Brown, Roger  
**Subject:** RE: Your vote is needed: University Scholars Program

Roger,

I can confirm that the Ag Econ faculty voted by email during the week of August 24, 2017 to approve both of the following proposed University Scholars Programs:

Ag Econ BS -> Ag Econ MS  
Ag Econ BS -> Patterson School MA

Thanks,  
Leigh

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