#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST**

EA-COS-18-35 Effective Fall 2018

# Requested Change:

The Economics Graduate Review Committee has adopted the following Accelerated MA in Economics Option and would like to implement the proposed option in Fall 2018, if possible, or Spring 2019.

### **Rationale for the Requested Change:**

The accelerated MA in Economics option is designed to allow students to obtain an MA degree in one year beyond the time they spend to complete their undergraduate program. This is likely to release at least one extra semester of time in which students could search for a job or prepare to join a professional degree program or a Ph.D. program. The students could also save substantial amount of money that they would otherwise incur due to a longer stay for their M.A. degree.

# **Admission Requirements:**

- (i) Early Admission Students seeking admission into the accelerated program must have:
  - A cumulative minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.25
  - Completed at least 15 credit hours of Economics major
  - Completed a minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit.
- (ii) Admission to MA Program requires the following:
  - A statement of purpose from the applicant,
  - Two letters of recommendation from the student's instructors
  - Grades of at least a B in each of the shared courses
  - Completion of undergraduate degree, for admission to MA graduate candidacy

A maximum of 9 credit hours may be shared with the undergraduate degree in economics. At least one but no more than two 5XXXZ courses must be taken as shared coursework.

### The following courses are acceptable as Shared Credit Courses:

ECN 4751Z Managerial Economics (3)\*

ECN 4803Z Mathematical Economics (3)\*

ECN 4840Z Money and Banking (3)\*

ECN 4850Z Economic Analysis of Law (3)\*

ECN 4861Z International Economic Problems (3)\*

ECN 4875Z Area Studies (3)\*

ECN 4973Z Intermediate Econometrics (3)\*

ECN 5401Z Advanced Macroeconomic Theory (3)

ECN 5402Z Advanced Microeconomic Theory (3)

ECN 5411Z Seminar in Natural Resource and Environment Econ (3)

ECN 5433Z Advanced Econometrics (3)

ECN 5441Z Seminar in Monetary Theory (3)

ECN 5451Z Seminar in Public Finance (3)

ECN 5461Z Seminar in International Economics (3)

ECN 5462Z Seminar in International Monetary Economics (3)

ECN 5471Z Seminar in Economic Development (3) ECN 5491Z Problems in Labor Economics (3) ECN 5493Z Economics of Human Resources (3)

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