

**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.*

ACE 100* (4 hrs)	Agricultural, Consumer, and Resource Economics
ACE 251 (3 hrs)	The World Food Economy
At least 3 hours from among: ACE 222 (3 hrs) ACE 254/AFST 254 (3 hrs) ACE 255 (3 hrs) ACE 270 (3 hrs)	Agricultural Marketing Economic Systems in Africa Economics of U.S. Rural Poverty & Development Consumer Economics
At least 6 hours from among: † ACE 411 (3 hrs) ACE 436/BADMIN 436 (3 hrs) ACE 451 (3 hrs) ACE 452/ECON 452 (3 hrs) ACE 453 (3 hrs) ACE 454 (3 hrs) ACE 455 (3 hrs)	Environment & Development International Business Immersion Agriculture in International Development The Latin American Economies Economic Development in South & Southeast Asia Economic Development of Tropical Africa 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

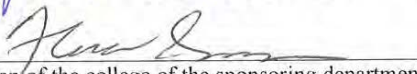
**Admission to the minor:** *describe how the department will monitor the admission process for the minor. If the department intends to limit enrollment in the minor, tell how this will be done.* The Department will sign-off on and retain copies of minor application forms. Admission restrictions are 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.

CLEARANCES:

  
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Head/chair of the sponsoring department or unit:

  
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Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit:

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Council of Teacher Education:  
(for minors that affect teacher certification)

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Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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for Academic Affairs

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601 East John Street  
Champaign, IL 61820



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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristi A. Kuntz".

Kristi A. Kuntz  
Assistant Provost

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Enclosures

c: J. Braden  
P. Ellinger  
F. W. Simmons

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College of Agricultural, Consumer  
and Environmental Sciences



Academic Programs  
128 Mumford Hall, MC-710  
1301 West Gregory Drive  
Urbana, IL 61801

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

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February 6, 2012

Margaret Rosso Grossman  
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Undergraduate Curriculum Director  
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MC-710

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Martin K. Perry'.

Martin K. Perry  
Head, Department of Economics



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University Library

Office of Dean of Libraries  
and University Librarian  
230 Main Library, MC-522  
1408 West Gregory Drive  
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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  
MC-710

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Kaufman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'P'.

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

c: Thomas Teper  
Pat Allen