MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY University Committee on Curriculum

SUBCOMMITTEE B - AGENDA

Via Zoom October 20, 2022 1:30 p.m.

PART I - NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM CHANGES

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

- 1. Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Economics**. The University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) will consider this request at its October 17, 2022 meeting.
 - a. Under the heading **Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Economics** replace the entire entry with the following:
 - Complete all of the following courses (18 credits):

EC	812A	Microeconomics I	3			
EC	812B	Microeconomics II	3			
EC	813A	Macroeconomics I	3			
EC	813B	Macroeconomics II	3			
EC	820A	Econometrics IA	3			
EC	820B	Econometrics IB	3			
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- Complete seven additional EC courses at the 800-900 level totaling at least 19 credits, excluding Economics 950 and Economics 951. Courses outside of Economics may be substituted for this requirement only with the written approval of the Economics Graduate Program Director.
- 3. Obtain a Ph.D.-level pass on the qualifying examinations in microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, and econometrics.
- 4. Pass the written and oral comprehensive examinations. The oral examination consists of an oral presentation at the departmental Spring research conference (typically in the third year of study), and the written examination consists of the paper presented at that conference, as judged by members of the student's dissertation committee.
- 5. Present a dissertation proposal to the student's guidance committee.
- 6. Write an acceptable dissertation and defend it successfully in a public oral examination.
- 7. Complete the following departmental research seminar courses, typically in the fourth year of study:

EC	950	Research Seminars in Advanced Topics in Economics I	1
EC	951	Research Seminars in Advanced Topics in Economics II	1

Effective Spring 2023.

- Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **History** in the Department of History. The University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) will consider this request at its October 17, 2022 meeting.
 - a. Under the heading **Admission**, make the following changes:
 - (1) In paragraph two, delete item 2. and renumber accordingly:
 - Have the results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test forward to the department.
 - (2) Following paragraph three, add the following new paragraph:
 - In rare instances, exceptional applicants whose English proficiency does not meet the minimum requirements at the time of application, will be admitted provisionally, with the understanding that the applicant must demonstrate sufficient English language proficiency before admission and funding can be extended. Typically, the cutoff date to do so for fall semester is in early June.
 - b. Under the heading **Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in History**, replace the entire entry with the following:

The student must:

- 1. Complete HST 803 Seminar in Methodology of Historical Research (3 credits) in the first semester of their first year.
- Complete HST 804 Advanced Research and Professional Development Seminar in the fourth semester of study. Students who enter with a Master of Arts degree may waive this requirement with the approval of the major advisor and Graduate Director.
- Complete HST 812 History in the Digital Age, unless waived by major advisor and Graduate Director.
- 4. Complete an additional 24 credits of 800 to 900 or graduate-level equivalent courses chosen in consultation with the student's guidance committee.
- 5. Student must demonstrate knowledge of two foreign languages before they may take the comprehensive examinations. This requirement for students formally admitted to the Ph.D. program can be fulfilled by one of these three options:
 - a. Competency in two foreign languages.
 - b. With approval of the student's guidance committee, the student may substitute certification in humanities computing for the second foreign language.
 - c. With the approval of the student's guidance committee, the second foreign language may be waived.
- 6. Pass the written and oral comprehensive examinations:
 - a. Written examinations must be completed within a six-month period by the end of a student's third year.
 - b. An oral examination must be completed no later than two weeks after the student successfully passes the written examination.
 - c. A defense of the dissertation prospectus needs to take place either at the time of the oral examination or in a separate defense within six weeks of the oral examination.
- 7. Complete 24 credits of HST 999 Doctoral Dissertation Research.
- 8. Pass a final oral examination in defense of the dissertation.

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- Request to change the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.
 - Under the heading Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology make the following changes:
 - (1) In item 3., make the following changes:
 - (a) Change the total credits from '33' to '36'.
 - (b) In item a., add the following courses:

SOC	215	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC	216	Sex. Gender, and Sexuality	3

- (c) Delete item b.
- (d) Replace item c. with the following:
 - b. A minimum of 9 additional credits in Sociology courses at the 300-level or higher, at least 3 credits of which must be at the 400-level.
- (2) Delete item 4. and the note following.

PART II - NEW COURSES AND CHANGES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

AFRE 810 Institutional and Behavioral Economics

Fall of every year. On Demand. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Economics. RB: EC 301
Relationships among institutions, individual and collective actions, and economic performance. Public choice, property rights, and behavioral theories of firms and

bureaucracies. SA: AEC 810

Effective Summer Semester 2015 Effective Fall Semester 2022

AFRE 829 Economics of Environmental Resources

<u>Fall of every year.</u> Spring of every year. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Community Sustainability and Economics and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife. RB: Undergraduate intermediate microeconomics, calculus, and statistics

Economic principles, theoretical models, and empirical methods related to environmental problems and policy interventions. Applications to air, land, water, forests, energy, fish and wildlife, and climate change, including in developing countries.

SA: AEC 829

Effective Summer Semester 2015 Effective Fall Semester 2022

CSUS 855 Political Ecology of Food

Fall of even years. 3(3-0) RB: CSUS 811 or concurrently R: Open to graduate students or approval of department.

Interactions between food, society and the environment. Ecological impacts and sociopolitical power in international and domestic contexts.

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Effective Fall Semester 2022