

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: J.W.G. Ivany
Chair, SCAP

Subject: Department of Economics -
Curriculum Revisions

Date: November 17, 1988

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies gives rise to the following motion:

Motion:

that Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors as set forth in S.88-60 curriculum changes in the Department of Economics including:

New courses -	ECON 368-3	Economic Analysis
	ECON 468-3	Regional Economic Development
Deletion -	ECON 365-5	Regional Economics

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: E. Alderson, Chairman
Faculty of Arts
Curriculum Committee

From: L.A. Boland, Chairman
Department of Economics



Subject: Course Changes

Date: October 28, 1987

The Department of Economics recomends that Economics 365-5 (Regional Economics) be deleted and its content divided into two new courses, Economics 368-3 (Regional Economic Analysis) and Economics 468-3 (Regional Economic Development). Course proposal forms and draft outlines for these two courses are attached.

There are two main reasons for proposing this change. First, there is enough interesting and relevant material in the regional economics area which is not covered elsewhere in the curriculum to occupy more than a single 5 credit-hour course. The change to two 3 credit-hour courses would allow increased coverage of material in both the regional economic theory and regional development (regional policies and Canadian federalism) areas. Second, the proposed change would bring Economics 365 more in line with other similar courses (355, 362, 367) at the the 300-level in the Department's curriculum.

Each course would be taught at least half as frequently as Economics 365 is now. There would be no direct requirement for additional instructional staff as a result of this change, although the general shortage of faculty in the Department remains a serious concern.

L.A. Boland

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

1. Calendar Information Department Economics
Abbreviation Code: Econ Course Number: 368 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: 2-1-0
Title of Course: Regional Economic Analysis
Calendar Description of Course:
Introduction to regional impact analysis. Analysis of models of industrial location and spatial equilibrium. A number of regional growth theories will be examined and their policy implications analysed. Techniques for analysis of regional economic structure.
Nature of Course
Prerequisites (or special instructions):
Econ 200/205

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved: Econ 365

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered? Once a year.

Semester in which the course will first be offered? ~~88~~ 89-3

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible? T. Hoops, J. Munro

3. Objectives of the Course

Reorganization of material presently covered in Econ. 365-5.

4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

Faculty

Staff

Library

Audio Visual

None.

Space

Equipment

5. Approval


Date: _____

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Department Chairman


Dean


Chairman, SCUS

SCUS 73-34b:- (When completing this form, for instructions see Memorandum SCUS 73-34a. Attach course outline).

Economics 368

Regional Economic Analysis

1. Concept of a Region
2. Location Theory
 - a. Industrial location theory
 - b. Spatial equilibrium theories
3. Theories of Regional Growth
 - a. Neo-classical growth models
 - b. Export base models
 - c. Centre-periphery models
4. Analysis of Regional Economic Structure
 - a. Regional input-output analysis
 - b. Other techniques
5. Regional Economic Models

Texts - Armstrong and Taylor, Regional Economic Policy and Its Analysis, rev. ed.; selection of articles and book chapters for location theory.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

1. Calendar Information

Department Economics

Abbreviation Code: Econ Course Number: 468 Credit Hours: 3 Vector: 2-1-0

Title of Course: Regional Economic Development

Calendar Description of Course:

Examination of the regional disparity problem, with particular reference to Canada. Analysis of migration, capital, and trade flows between regions. Economic effects of the policies and institutions of Canadian federalism. Review and analysis of Canadian regional development policies.

Nature of Course

Prerequisites (or special instructions):

Econ 200/205, Econ 368

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved:

Econ 365

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered? Once a year.

Semester in which the course will first be offered? ~~80-1~~ 90-1

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible? J. Munro, T. Heaps

3. Objectives of the Course

Reorganization of material presently covered in Econ 365-5.

4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

Faculty

Staff

None.

Library

Audio Visual

Space

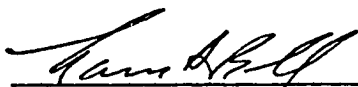
Equipment

5. Approval

Date: _____

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Department Chairman



Dean



Chairman, SCUS

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Economics 468

Regional Economic Development

1. The Problem of Regional Disparities
2. Migration and Capital Flows
3. Interregional Trade
4. Natural Resources and Regional Development
5. The Canadian Economic Union
6. Regional Development Policies in Canada
7. Evaluating Regional Development Policy

Text - two of the following: D.J. Savoie, The Canadian Economy: A Regional Perspective; D.J. Savoie, Regional Economic Development: Canada's Search for Solutions; Coffey and Polese, Still Living Together; Recent Trends and Future Directions in Canadian Regional Development (IRPP); and K. Norrie, ed., Disparities and Regional Adjustment (Macdonald Commission).

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
MEMORANUM

TO: Sheila Roberts
Administrative Assistant
Faculty of Arts

FROM: Lawrence A. Boland
Chairman
Department of Economics

RE: Proposed Calendar Changes

DATE: October 17, 1988

The Department of Economics Undergraduate Curriculum Committee met on October 14, 1988 and unanimously approved the following Calendar changes:

1. That the title of ECON 480-3 be changed

FROM: "Seminar in Employment and Social Security Policy"

TO: "Seminar in the Economics of Labour Market Policy"

Rationale - Proposed title is a less obscure description of what the course is about. (Form attached).

2. To change the Econ 301-5, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, prerequisites on p. 159 of the Calendar by deleting the last sentence. (Form attached).

FROM: Prerequisites: ECON 200 and 205; MATH 157; 60 credit hours.
Students may not receive credit for both ECON 301 and BUS 307.

TO: Prerequisites: ECON 200 and 205; MATH 157; 60 credit hours.

Rationale - The sentence "Students may not receive credit for both Econ 301 and Bus 307" implies an equivalence between the two courses. As a result, students who have taken Bus 307 request exemption from Econ 301 as a prerequisite for other economics courses and as a requirement for graduation. Deleting the sentence would help clarify the situation. These are two separate courses not substitutable for each other. Bus 307 is a 3 credit course. Econ 301 is a 5 credit course. Moreover 301 is a core course in our undergraduate program. Along with Econ 305 it lays the theoretical foundation upon which the remainder of our courses build.