

**Periodic Review/Program Evaluation  
Follow-up to Prior Pending Approval**

**Recommendations from Review Panel Regarding Programs to Prepare  
Teachers of Economics (CA)**

**July 18, 2005**

<b>Institution:</b> Eastern Michigan University			<b>Date of Original Review:</b> May 12, 2003		
Program Level	Major (# Credits)	Minor (# Credits)	Group Major (# Credits)	Group Minor (# Credits)	Endorsement Only (# Credits)
Elementary					
Secondary		20			
K-12					
<b>Source of Standards/Guidelines:</b> Michigan State Board of Education				Pub. Date: January 2002	
<b>Program Assessment Summary/Recommendation</b>					
Meets all standards and requirements		X	Not all standards and requirements are met		Insufficient documentation for program review
Approval		X	Approval Pending		Approval Suspended
<b>Standards/Requirements Not Met:</b>					
<p>Standard 1.7: <i>Explain how economic systems other than a free-market system work to coordinate and facilitate the exchange, production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services in domestic and international markets.</i> The syllabi for required ECON courses 201 and 202 do not provide evidence of coverage. While this standard may be covered in one or more of the electives identified, there is no guarantee students will take such a course.</p>					
<b>Additional information needed/action to be taken:</b>					
<p>Section 4.8 indicates that 95% of students in the past 4 years have passed the economics certification test, yet the overview in Section 2 indicates zero (0) economic graduates. Please explain.</p> <p>Adjustments need to be made in the required courses to insure all students have coursework addressing Standard 1.7.</p>					

**Comments:**

- 1) Syllabi for Econ 201 and 202 do not provide convincing evidence that Standards 1.1 through 1.9 are adequately addressed. Specific concerns not noted previously include the personal finance, consumer economics, and entrepreneurship components. Additional required courses would address these areas.
- 2) Standards 4.1 through 4.6 address preparation of teacher candidates with respect to economics instruction. Courses reported as addressing these standards appear to focus on history.
- 3) It is the reviewer's understanding that only social studies education majors are eligible for the econ minor. Since ECON 201/202 is required for the major, it appears redundant to require ECON 301/303 for the minor. Content for ECON 201/202 appears very similar to ECON 301/302. Other courses addressing the missing elements noted in comments 1 and 2 would be more appropriate.

Candidates selecting a social studies major with an econ minor would not need to take economics courses as a part of the social studies major. Instead, the coursework for social studies can be divided between history, geography, and political science.