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Scott - here is the e-mail message I sent to Economics, Sociology, and Public Administration (Political Science). Only Economics replied. It's below.

Holly

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**From:** Ericson, Richard E.  
**Sent:** Thu 11/8/2007 3:35 PM  
**To:** Hapke, Holly  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed change to Economic Development Certificate

Dear Dr. Hapke,

Economics will accept the changes, although we believe all should take the economics development course. Were it required, we could guarantee offering ECON 5150 at least every other year, taught simultaneously with its 3000-level version, but requiring more reading and writing, as in the past.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Hapke, Holly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 07, 2007 1:14 PM  
**To:** Lockerbie, Brad; Ericson, Richard E.; Maril, Lee  
**Subject:** Proposed change to Economic Development Certificate

Colleagues,

I co-coordinate with Dr. Rebecca Torres the Graduate Certificate in Economic Development - a curriculum that includes courses from each of your respective departments in its core requirements. Since the inception of this certificate about 4 years ago we encountered problems with availability of course offerings with some of the core courses and have in just about every student's case had to substitute at least one other course for core requirements, and in some cases 2 courses. Most often students take GEOG 6355 as a substitute. Therefore, we would like to propose a change to the certificate's course configuration, which reflects our actual practice and which gives students a bit more flexibility and opportunity to take courses in a particular specialization within economic development. I've attached a memo outlining the changes we would like to make. Please note that this new configuration is what we had originally presented to the Graduate Curriculum Committee when we proposed the creation of this certificate. It was at the behest of the committee that we made all four core courses required. However, in fact, no one has been able to complete all four courses within a reasonable period of time (2 years). Hence, the proposed change to reflect what students are actually doing.

Please review the attached memo and let me know as soon as possible if you approve or object to our proposed changes. We would like this to be considered at the December meeting of the GCC.

Thank you!

Regards,  
Holly Hapke

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