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**FORM B****CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO  
PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Academic Unit: Department of Economics, California State University, Sacramento	Date of Submission to School Dean: January 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2006
Requested Effective: Fall 2006, Spring, 20.	
Name of Contact Person, if not Department Chair: Stephen Perez (Chair) or Rossitza Wooster (Graduate Director)	
Title of the Program: Master of Arts in Economics	
<b>Type of Program Proposal:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification in Existing Program:</b> ___ Substantive Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Substantive Change ___ Deletion of Existing Program  ___ <b>New Programs</b> ___ Initiation (Projection) of New Program on to Master Plan ___ New Degree Programs ___ Regular Process ___ Fast Track Process ___ Pilot Process ___ New Minor, Concentration, Option, Specialization, Emphasis ___ New Certificate Program	
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Form B is to be used only as a Cover Form. Additional information is requested for each of the above as noted in the corresponding procedure in the Policies and Procedures for Initiation, Modification, Review and Approval of Courses and Academic Programs found at <a href="http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm">http://www.csus.edu/acaf/univmanual/index.htm</a>	

**Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification.**

The proposed program change incorporates:

1. Inclusion of a new 3 unit required course, ECON 200M (Mathematics for Economists). It is recommended that students complete this course prior to enrolling in Econ 200A and Econ 200B.
2. Reclassification of ECON 265 (Cost Benefit Analysis) from a required to an elective course.

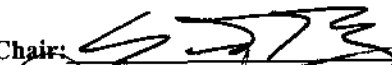
**Justification:** Inclusion of ECON 200M in the program curriculum is intended to assist new Masters students in becoming comfortable with the basic mathematical techniques that are being used extensively in our graduate program and ensure that they are well-prepared to participate in this program. Incorporating a required course in mathematical economics will take some of the pressure off instructors teaching 200 level core courses, such as Advanced Macroeconomics (ECON 200A) and Advanced Microeconomics ECON 200B) so that they can apply the math (with a bit of review) rather than teach the math (and then apply it). Currently, covering mathematical economics in these courses takes, on average, 2 - 3 weeks in each core course and thus leaves less instructional time for applications.

Converting ECON 265 from a required to an elective course will serve to maintain the program units at 30, with no other changes in requirements. Interested students will still have the option to elect this course as part of their curriculum. Below is a comparison of the current M.A. program requirements with an example of M.A. program requirements that incorporate mathematical economics.

New Program	Old Program
<p><b>A. Core Courses (18 units)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECON 141 (Introduction to Econometrics)</li> <li>• ECON 200M (Mathematics for Economists)</li> <li>• ECON 200A (Advanced Macroeconomic Theory)</li> <li>• ECON 200B (Advanced Microeconomic Theory)</li> <li>• ECON 200C (Advanced Economic Theory)</li> <li>• ECON 241 Applied Econometric Analysis)</li> </ul>	<p><b>A. Core Courses (18 units)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECON 141 (Introduction to Econometrics)</li> <li>• ECON 200A (Advanced Macroeconomic Theory)</li> <li>• ECON 200B (Advanced Microeconomic Theory)</li> <li>• ECON 200C (Advanced Economic Theory)</li> <li>• ECON 241 Applied Econometric Analysis)</li> <li>• ECON 265 Cost Benefit Analysis</li> </ul>
<p><b>B. Other Requirements (12 units)</b></p> <p><b>Option A – Thesis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 units of electives</li> <li>• 3 units of Economics 500 (Master's Thesis)</li> </ul> <p><b>Option B – Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 units of electives</li> <li>• Paper and oral examination</li> </ul>	<p><b>B. Other Requirements (12 units)</b></p> <p><b>Option A – Thesis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 units of electives</li> <li>• 3 units of Economics 500 (Master's Thesis)</li> </ul> <p><b>Option B – Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 units of electives</li> <li>• Paper and oral examination</li> </ul>

**ECON 200M Instructors:** Rossitza Wooster (Assistant Professor), Craig Gallet (Associate Professor)

**Approvals:**

Department Chair:  Date: 2-28-06

School Dean:  Date: March 20, 2006

University Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_