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Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 1:36 PM
To: Lindemann, Erika
Subject: Re: ECON 101 in entrepreneurship minor
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Erika,

Sorry of the delay. I had to consult some colleagues. Yes
"Prerequisite: ECON 101 Introduction to Economics (with a grade of C or better)."
Is what should be said for the Minor in Entrepreneurship.

On 1/27/2011 10:49 AM, Lindemann, Erika wrote:

> Dear John,
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> As we finish work on the 2011 Undergraduate Bulletin, I need to check
> with you concerning a requirement for the entrepreneurship minor. In
> an email exchange with Bill Parke yesterday, he confirmed that
> students taking the ECON 101 course (a gateway to the major) would
> need to earn a C or better to proceed. Does the "C or better" rule
> also apply to students declaring the entrepreneurship minor? If so, I
> will make sure that the line "Prerequisite: ECON 101 Introduction to
> Economics" (p. 160 in the current Bulletin) reads as follows:
> "Prerequisite: ECON 101 Introduction to Economics (with a grade of C or better)."
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> If a C or better is not required, I'll leave the line as it appears in
> this year's Bulletin.
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> Thanks for getting back to me as soon as you can. Our deadline for
> submitting the Bulletin is next week.
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> Best wishes,
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> Erika
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Lindemann, Erika

From: Lindemann, Erika
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:58 PM
To: Parke, William R
Cc: Siedentop, Nicholas J
Subject: RE: C or better in gateway course

Hi Bill,

Thanks for the prompt response. I'll make it happen. The text that was submitted to us back in the fall reads as follows:

Majoring in Economics: Bachelor of Arts

Core Requirements

- ECON 101 (gateway course)
- ECON 400, 410, and 420
- Four ECON courses at the 400-, 500-, or 600-level, with at least one course above the 400 level. Note that 200- and 300-level courses do not count toward the major.
- A grade of C must be attained in at least six of the seven major courses numbered above 101.

These core requirements will remain the same, but I will revise the first line to read as follows:

- ECON 101 (gateway course, with a grade of C or better)

As for prerequisites, eventually ConnectCarolina will enforce course prerequisites. For example, the system won't allow students to register for ECON 420 without their having taken ECON 410, and students won't be able to register for ECON 410 without having taken MATH 231 or STOR 113. Or enroll in other ECON classes without having taken ECON 101. We're probably a year or so away from being able to do that, and someone in authority in the department will always be able to override these "rules" in the computer system, but enforcing course prerequisites is not too far off. Course prerequisites is one thing; enforcing grade requirements is another. ConnectCarolina can't enforce particular grades for particular subgroups of students. Instructors probably will have to do that.

Thanks again for the help.

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Erika,

I surveyed a couple of people. The consensus is that we thought we already required a C in 101. The original language in the Bulletin that you sent me was what we thought imposed the requirement. So, yes, we would like to require a C in 101.

Monitoring is a whole different issue. Since taking over as DUS I have looked lots of transcripts for lots of reasons. What I see is that students pay very little attention to stuff like prerequisites. They take 420 before 410. They take the calculus during their last semester. On the other hand, if we could impose all the rules on all 925 majors, I would have to approve exceptions.

Bill

From: Lindemann, Erika
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:21 PM
To: Parke, William R
Subject: C or better in gateway course

Hi Bill,

Today seems to be my day for ECON issues. In proofreading the 2011 Undergraduate Bulletin one final time, I discovered that the Department of Biology requires a C or better grade for its gateway course, BIOL 101. I think it's the only department that does so. So, what I told you yesterday is wrong: you CAN add a C or better grade requirement to the ECON 101 gateway course if you would like to. No long approval process is necessary. If you tell me to do it, I'll get it into the 2011 Bulletin.

Want me to do that? We go to press in a week, so I'd need to know your wishes as soon as possible.

There will be no way of monitoring electronically the grades majors earn in the gateway course. The department would have to manage that somehow. But I'm glad I caught this in time to do something about it—if you want me to.

Cheers!

Erika

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