Written and Oral Communication Skills Requirement

Department of Economics

There is a written and oral communications form attached that will need to be submitted to the Economics department office with the professor’s signature. Signature by professor indicates that the requirements have been satisfied. While we will accept one course for both the oral and written requirement, the department’s preference is to have two different courses used for these requirements.

Written Communications Requirement:

- The written communication requirement can be fulfilled by one of the following:
  - An economics course in which a paper (or other significant writing such as on exams) is required, or
  - an economics readings course where the major outcome is a paper, or
  - an economics course where you agree with the professor to write a paper.

Oral Communications Requirement:

- The oral communication requirement can be fulfilled by one of the following:
  - oral presentation in an economics class or
  - class participation in an economics class.

There is a oral and written communications form attached that is to be submitted to the department office with the professor’s signature. Signature by professor indicates that the requirement has been satisfied. Typically, signatures are made after the course has ended. If near completion of a requirement to the professor’s satisfaction, signatures can be obtained before the end of the course to accommodate graduating seniors.
List of Courses Being Offered by the Department of Economics

For the Oral Communications Requirements

2000 Alamina: Class participation is a part of the student's assessment and final grade.

2020 Alamina: Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions.

Benedict: Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions.

Kim: Solving the assigned problems on the blackboard and orally presenting them in class.

2030 Alamina: Class participation is a part of the student's assessment and final grade.

3020 Kim: Credit for participation in class by solving the problems on the board. Writing on blackboard discussion board for classroom discussion questions, part of class grade.

3030 Zeng: Mandatory class participation and classroom discussions.

3210 Sobota: Mandatory class participation is a part of the student's assessment and final grade.

3230 Benedict: Mandatory class participation, requiring daily oral interaction with other members of the class. The oral communication is judged in terms of coherence, appropriate use of economics terminology, and complexity of analysis. Listening skills are also assessed.

3350 Benedict: Mandatory class participation, sometimes involving in-class assignments. The oral communication is judged in terms of coherence, appropriate use of economics terminology, and complexity of analysis. Listening skills are also assessed.

3510 Alamina: Class participation is a part of the student's assessment and final grade.

4220 Benedict: Mandatory class participation, requiring daily oral interaction with other members of the class. The oral communication is judged in terms of coherence, appropriate use of economics terminology, and
complexity of analysis. Listening skills are also assessed. NLRB case examination required and negotiations are a regular part of the course.

4310 Alamina

Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions as part of their assessment.

VanderHart:

Preparation for class participation is strongly encouraged through questioning and unannounced quizzes.

4540 Alamina

There is a graded requirement of a formal presentation of a group project by students. The topics are applied focusing on a development issue area and looking at a developing country or group of countries and applying development economics theories in understanding, conceptualizing and addressing the issue. Further, class participation is also a part of the student's assessment and final grade.

4760 Kim:

Oral presentation of a term paper is part of class grade.
## For the Written Communications Requirements

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<td>All Exams have a written component in them, with problem sets that require analytical thought in working through a hypothetical scenario and explaining the economic reasoning behind the process involved in making decisions.</td>
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<td>Schneider</td>
<td>All exams include an essay component. Students are also required to write short responses to in-class group project questions.</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>Benedict:</td>
<td>All tests and assignments will have an essay component (at least half of each assignment will be essay and each test has two major essay questions and several short answer essays). One assignment requires students to write an economic naturalist paper.</td>
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<td>Browne:</td>
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<td>Special problem sets assigned throughout the semester require writing and analytical problem solving including article or/and statement critiques. The final exam includes a heavily weighted written component that is similar to, but extends these special problem sets.</td>
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<td>Essay exams and essays or reports on all Homeworks. Final research projects required.</td>
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<td>Sobota</td>
<td>Students are required to write papers. Class is divided into lecture and discussion which focuses on papers that support or refute theoretical predictions. Students are required to bring the papers we’re discussing with them to class to be sure they can meaningfully participate.</td>
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Benedict: Essay components on all exams and homeworks. At least one homework is a report. Final research projects required.

Exams and homeworks have an essay component. Two short reports are required.

VanderHart: Approximately 6 Home works that include short answer questions are required. Exams partially consist of short essay and short answer questions. Two papers on a topic of the students’ choosing is also required.

Alamina: All Exams have a written component in them, with problem sets that require analytical thought in working through a hypothetical scenario and explaining the economic reasoning behind the process involved in making decisions.

Benedict: Essays questions are often asked on assignments and tests. A critique of at least one journal article is required. All students write a research paper.

Benedict: All assignments require memos, letters or report writing. A research paper is required.

Benedict: Written paper or written reports, negotiation of a labor contract, and a research paper is required.

Alamina: Students turn in a paper analyzing an applied spending policy issue. Also the exams are all essay based.

Alamina: There is a group paper required of students in the ECON 4540 class as well as individual critique papers of other group presentations. All Exams have a written component in them, with problem sets that require analytical thought in working through a hypothetical scenario and explaining the economic reasoning behind the process involved in making decisions.

Kim: A 15-page term paper.
This certifies that (NAME) has satisfied the written and oral communications requirement in economics. Please complete this form and return it to the Economics Department office, BAA 3002.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENT:**

Name of the course for which you wrote a paper to satisfy this requirement:

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(Upon completion of the paper)
Signature of:

Faculty Member __________________________________________

Course & Semester ________________________________________

Date _____________________________________________________

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENT:**

Signature of:

Faculty Member __________________________________________

Course & Semester ________________________________________

Date _____________________________________________________