

# 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	Kontak	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.
	Kontak	Mandatory class participation is a part of the student's assessment and final grade.
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.

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| 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

2000	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.
	Schneider	All exams include an essay component. Students are also required to write short responses to in-class group project questions.
2020	Benedict:	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.
	Browne:	All essay exams
	Kim:	Problem-solving components are in exams. Many home works are problem solving.
	Schneider	All exams include an essay component. Students are also required to write short responses to in-class group project questions.
2030	Alamina	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.
	Schneider	All exams include an essay component. Students are also required to write short responses to in-class group project questions.
3020	Kim:	Essay and problem solving exams.
3030	Zeng	Homework assignments and exams have writing requirements.
3040	Benedict:	Exams have an essay component. Students write two short papers.
3210	Benedict:	Essay exams and essays or reports on all Homeworks. Final research projects required.
	Kontak	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.

3230	Benedict:	Essay components on all exams and homeworks. At least one homework is a report. Final research projects required.
3350	Benedict	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.
3510	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.
4020	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.
4210	Benedict:	All assignments require memos, letters or report writing. A research paper is required.
4220	Benedict:	Written paper or written reports, negotiation of a labor contract, and a research paper is required.
4310	Alamina	Students turn in a paper analyzing an applied spending policy issue. Also the exams are all essay based.
4540/5540	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.
4760	Kim:	A 15-page term paper.

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

This certifies that (NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

(BGSU ID#) \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_