

## UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Economics

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### Specifics (see instructions):

We want to add a requirement to the B.A. in Economics in which students must take one of the following three courses: ECON 320 (Quantitative Methods for Management), ECON 421 (Introduction to Econometrics), and ECON 423 (Time Series and Forecasting). This is identical to a requirement already in place for our B.S. in Financial Economics majors. This will be an additional requirement, adding three credits to the total needed to complete the B.A. in Economics.

### Rationale (see instructions):

Adding a requirement in quantitative methods/econometrics brings our B.A. program more in line with the economics departments that we use as peers to benchmark our curriculum. A background in those topics are increasingly the norm for economics programs generally. The requirement will also ensure that our students are better prepared in the types of economic analyses that prospective employers and graduate school programs expect from economics majors.