Request to Add/Change A Minor (Undergraduate or Graduate)

Name of Minor: Economic Development  Date of Request: October 28, 2008

Department Making Request: Economic & Community Development Institute  Implementation Date: Spring 2008

*Credit Hours in Minor: 9  **Credit Hours in Lower-Division Courses: 0

* For an undergraduate minor, the minimum total number of hours is 15 credits; undergraduate minors may be higher. Graduate minors usually require a minimum of 9 credit hours.

**For an undergraduate minor, a maximum of six hours of 1000 and 2000 courses is allowed.

Courses required for minor (supply course symbol, number, credit hours, and title): To change
minor, indicate changes in italics and in red. Note: Please find a detailed program overview and curriculum guide attached.

- POLI 7700 Economic Development and Competition (3 hours)
- Week 1 of the Intensive Economic Development Training Course: Introduces participants to all phases of economic development. Program leaders and faculty are experienced in economic development strategies and techniques and have tailored the course to the expressed needs of economic developers in Alabama. The course has over 750 alumni, including most of the state’s top economic development professionals. This course is offered each summer by the Economic & Community Development Institute.

Elective courses allowed to count toward the minor (supply course symbol, number, credit hours, and title): To change minor, indicate changes in italics and in red. *All elective courses carry 3 credit hours.

- AGEC 7110 Agricultural Economic Development;
- RSOC 6610 Rural Sociology;
- RSOC 6640 Sociology of Community Development;
- RSOC 7620 Sociology of Community;
- ECON 6100 Economics of Growth and Development;
- ECON 6200 Urban and Regional Economic Development;
- ECON 6690 Government Spending and Taxation;
- ECON 6100 Urban Design Methods;
- CPLE 7500 Real Property Development;
- RSOC 7650 Sociology of Natural Resources and the Environment;
- BUSI 7130/7136 Strategic Analysis and the Competitive Environment;
- ECON 6600 Business and Economic Forecasting;
- CPLE 6000 History and Theory of Urban Form;
- CPLE 7430 Planning Law, Ethics and Implementation;
- ADED 7640 Workforce Education;
- CTCT 6080/6086 Coordination and Supervision of Work-Based Learning;
- CTCT 7000/06 Foundations of Career and Technical Education;
- CTCT 7200/06 Career and Occupational Information;
- HIST 7530 Seminar in Southern Industrialization;
- POLI 6380 Seminar in Public-Private Management

Minor Curriculum Model. If appropriate, include model.

Justification:

We are updating the list of elective courses to better prepare students to meet the changing demands of the economic development profession. In addition, we have updated the curriculum to reflect courses that are currently being taught (Our previous list included some courses that were rarely, if ever, taught, anymore). Third, we have updated the curriculum to reflect elective courses from new disciplines. By adding Education as a partner in this interdisciplinary minor, we have enabled our students to receive a background in workforce training and development. We have also expanded the minor by adding courses in Business and History. Finally, by adding online courses in Education and Business, we have opened up the possibility of offering the minor online.

Addition resources or resource shifting required. If none, please explain.

None. ECDI has never received compensation for administering the minor. ECDI does not charge graduate students to attend the 1st week of the Intensive Course and does not receive any other compensation for providing students with this training. Costs associated with the students’ attendance comes from course profits. Other partners have simply agreed to allow students in their programs to attach the minor to their graduate degrees. Since minor electives are already offered by various departments, there is no additional cost associated with them. POLI 7700 is taught by ECDI’s Director, Dr. Joe Sumners.