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College/Campus Bothell

Department/Unit Interdisciplinary Arts and  
Sciences

Date 10/29/2012

## New Programs

- ☐ Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ degree.
- ☒ Leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Law, Economics, and Public Policy
- ☐ Leading to a \_\_\_\_\_ Option within the existing major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Leading to a minor in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Changes to Existing Programs

- ☐ New Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Program Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_\_ within the major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Revised Requirements for the Minor in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Other Changes

- ☒ Change name of program from BA with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies: Law, Economics and Public Policy to BA with a major in Law, Economics and Public Policy.
- ☐ New or Revised Continuation Policy for \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Eliminate program in \_\_\_\_\_.

Proposed Effective Date: Quarter: ☒ Autumn ☐ Winter ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year: 20 13

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## EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new program, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

Transitioning the current options offered under the Interdisciplinary Studies major to independent majors is a strategic imperative for the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (IAS). When IAS first began offering degrees in 1990, the challenge was to offer a broad range of courses on a newly created campus, so the program developed distinct transcribed degrees under a single Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (later Interdisciplinary Studies). In Autumn 2010, the 8 transcribed options offered by IAS were converted into majors.

Our current options (Law, Economics and Public Policy; Individualized Study; Mathematical Thinking and Visualization; and Media and Communication Studies) were developed and approved 2010 - 2012. On an organizational level, these options function on equal footing with the BA degrees offered by IAS. This change simply marks a step up in formalization; a shift in the status of these transcribed degrees that enhances their recognition to external audiences. The curricular content is intact.

## OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. \*See online instructions.

Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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### CATALOG COPY

Catalog Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

#### **Law, Economics and Public Policy (LEPP) Option**

(Classes in this option are offered primarily during day time hours.)

Law, Economics and Public Policy Option (LEPP) Requirements:

- BIS 300 Interdisciplinary Inquiry (5 credits)
- BISLEP 301 Law, Economics and Public Policy and BISLEP 302 Policy Analysis (10 credits)
- BIS 315 Understanding Statistics (5 credits)
- Additional Skills and Methods Coursework (5 credits)
- Policy Foundation Coursework (10 credits)
- Policy Foundation Coursework or Policy Problem Coursework (10 credits)
- Additional IAS Coursework (20 credits)
- BIS 499 Portfolio Capstone (3 credits)
- General Electives (22 credits)
- Completion of the IPR requirement and a minimum of 25 credits in each Area of Knowledge (with 10 credits in each Area completed at UW Bothell).

TOTAL= 90 credits

### PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications). **Please note:** all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

#### **Law, Economics and Public Policy (BA)**

(Classes in this major are offered primarily during day time hours.)

Law, Economics and Public Policy (LEPP) Requirements:

- BIS 300 Interdisciplinary Inquiry (5 credits)
- BISLEP 301 Law, Economics and Public Policy and BISLEP 302 Policy Analysis (10 credits)
- BIS 315 Understanding Statistics (5 credits)
- Additional Skills and Methods Coursework (5 credits)
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### APPROVALS

Chair/Program Director:	Date:
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:	Date:
Dean/Vice Chancellor:	Date:

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

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POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:

Date:

*4-30-2013*  
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**Bothell: Conversion of option in Law, Economics, and Policy within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law, Economics, and Policy (BIS-20121029A)**

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*Posted Jan 24, 2013 2:00 PM*

Please review the attached 1503 pdf requesting to convert the existing option in Law, Economics, and Policy within the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law, Economics, and Policy at the Bothell campus and post comments by 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 14th.

If you have any problems viewing the attachment or need disability accommodations, please contact the University Curriculum Office at [uwcr@uw.edu](mailto:uwcr@uw.edu).

Attachments:

-  BIS-20121029A.pdf 7.7M Download View

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**JACQUES P.**  
**LAWARREE**

*New! Posted Feb 12, 2013 2:47 PM*

The Department of Economics in Seattle has examined the proposal submitted by the Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences unit at the Bothell campus.

As chair of the economics department, I would like to raise some concerns. These concerns were first raised by our Undergraduate Committee and I endorse them fully. The only *economics* course in the proposed degree, i.e. the only course where 100% of the material covers economics, is an entry requirement, BCUSP 200 Introduction to Microeconomics. This course is one of the two economics entry requirements for the Bachelor of Economics degree. Introduction to Macroeconomics, the other essential background for economists, especially for policy purpose, is not included. Students will receive an incomplete background in introductory economics.

The first required course in the proposed program, BISLEP 301 Law, Economics, and Public Policy, [1] raises some economic issues among many other issues (law, politics etc.); moreover, the level of the economic discussion cannot be expected to be very advanced given the low level of the prerequisite; so it can hardly in our mind be considered as an economics course.



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All the other courses that may have some economic content are electives and these courses do not have equivalents in the Department of Economics. Moreover, the only background required to take these courses is Introductory to Microeconomics.

BIS 320 Comparative Political Economies

BISGST 324 International Political Economies

BIS 394 Comparative Economic Development[2]

BIS 441 Global Labor Markets

BIS 443 Education Policy and Economy

BIS 459 Conservation and Sustainable Development

For instance, if we look at the description of two courses with practically the same name, one offered as elective in the Bothell program (BIS 394) and the other offered by the Department of Economics in Seattle (Econ 391), it is clear that the material covered by these 2 courses is very different.

**BIS 394 Comparative Economic Development (5) I&S**

Introduces a variety of issues affecting Third World economies in a framework that emphasizes their particular and varied post-colonial histories. Draws on economic theory, cultural and economic anthropology, literature, and other sources to understand institutions and sources of change in these economies.

**ECON 391 Economic Development (5) I&S** Study of major factors contributing to the economic problems of developing countries and discussion of possible solutions. Includes applications of theories in economic development and international trade. Cannot be taken for credit if 491 previously taken.

Prerequisite Econ 201 (Introductory Macroeconomics)

On the Seattle campus, similar courses to the ones of the proposed degree might be offered at the Jackson School or in the Political Sciences Department. But, no department in the College of Arts and Sciences uses the word "economics" in the title of any of their courses.

Given (i) the low level and incompleteness of the economics prerequisites, (ii) given the fact that the courses listed above are electives, and (iii) given the fact that those courses are political economy courses, we believe that the word "Economics" in the title for the proposed BA is misleading. A possible alternative would be to call the degree "'Law, Political Economy and Policy".

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[1] **BISLEP 301** Examines the relationships among the fields of law, economics, politics, and public policy, with particular attention to problems of social, economic, and political change.

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Uses examples from various areas of public policy, including social, environmental, and education policy. Prerequisite: ECON 200 or B CUSP 200.

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 1, 2013

To: Susan Jeffords, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UW Bothell

From: Bruce Burgett, Dean and Professor, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Bothell

Re: Response to Tri-Campus Review Comments on Law Economics and Public Policy Proposal

I am writing in response to the comment received during the tri-campus review period for our proposed conversion of Law Economics and Public Policy (LEPP) from a degree option to a major. In crafting this response, I have consulted with Professor Keith Nitta a faculty member charged with implementing the degree option. We appreciate the comments submitted by faculty from UW Seattle's Department of Economics. We believe that they make valuable contributions to our discussions as we implement and develop LEPP.

The comments from Professor Lawarree accurately indicate that our LEPP curriculum focuses on existing strengths within IAS and at UWB, which are indeed in the areas of political economy and public policy. This focus has allowed us to launch LEPP without excessive resource demands. At the same time, we respectfully disagree with Professor Lawarree that the word "Economics" should be removed from the title of our degree and replaced with "Political Economy."

First, we note that our offerings in economics are stronger than may have been evident in the proposal or the course catalog summaries. Professor Lawarree notes that introductory microeconomics is a prerequisite for the degree option and summarizes several elective courses with economic content. In addition, the two required core courses incorporate economics and economic analysis. The BISLEP 301 course is structured around a law and economics framework. In BISLEP 302: Policy Analysis, econometrics is one of the main analytical approaches covered. Students learn benefit-cost analysis and study many methods of addressing market externalities. In short, all LEPP majors do learn economics theory and practice economic analysis.

Second, Professor Lawarree correctly notes that many of the LEPP courses that have economic content do not have course equivalents in the Department of Economics. It has always been our intention not to replicate curricular offerings at UW Seattle but to create a new, interdisciplinary curriculum. Professor Lawarree is also correct that BISLEP 301 is not an economics course. However, it is also not a law course or a political science course. The interdisciplinary nature of the degree means any constituent discipline,

even one as essential as economics, cannot be given as much attention as in a traditional economics major.

Finally, changing the degree name at this time would impose costs on our faculty and students. The LEPP degree option proposal successfully went through the tri-campus review process several years ago. The LEPP degree is in its second year of implementation. Several dozen students have declared it as a degree option. Changing the name from LEPP (Law, Economics and Public Policy) to LPEP (Law, Political Economy and Policy) would confuse current and potential students, as well as faculty from other concentrations and programs.

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*Office of the General Faculty Organization*

To: Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy

From: Kari Lerum, Chair, Executive Council of the General Faculty Organization, University of Washington Bothell *KL*

Date: April 29, 2013

Re: Executive Council Approval of the BA in Law, Economics and Public Policy

The Executive Council (EC) of the General Faculty Organization of University of Washington Bothell reviewed the responses from the tri-campus review of the IAS proposal for the BA in Law, Economics and Public Policy at its April 23, 2013 meeting. The EC has determined that the proposing faculty in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences have duly considered and responded to the comments posted by faculty from across the three campuses during the tri-campus review period.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.