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FACULTY SENATE  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Approval Form

Department Political Science/ Economics

Title Agricultural Economics

Sponsor(s) Dr. Aronfreed, Dr. Hamer, Dr. Mukhoti  
Prof. Hitchner, Dr. Kressler, No. of Credits 3

COURSE 2204.365 CONCENTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the department Graduate

Not recommended by the department Undergraduate

Information copies forwarded: Academic Dean; Chairman; Curriculum Committee

Signature: Department Chairman

DIVISION

Consultation on proposal has been held

Comments: - Please include statement about method of evaluating students.

Handwritten - 3/2/76  
Signature: Academic Dean and/or Divisional Committee

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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Proposal received

Open Hearing held 1/2/76

Returned to the department for the following reason(s):

Approved by the Curriculum Committee

Presented to Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate as information

Notifications forwarded: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature: Chairman, Curriculum Committee

ACADEMIC DEAN

I have reviewed the final documents as approved and concur with same.  
Budget, faculty and library resources are adequate for immediate implementation.

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Budget, faculty and/or library allocations for the current academic year  
are inadequate for immediate implementation or implementation in the next  
fiscal year. The earliest that the proposal might be implemented would be

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HEGIS Taxonomy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Academic Dean \_\_\_\_\_

Copies forwarded: Chairman, Curriculum Committee; Department Chairman;  
Provost; Registrar

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REGISTRAR

Approved course description received

Signature: Registrar \_\_\_\_\_

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PROVOST

Official copy and approval sheet filed

Signature: Provost (or designee) \_\_\_\_\_

- Note:
- 1) Course proposal format is attached
  - 2) A copy of this approval form should accompany each proposal
  - 3) A copy of a proposed catalogue description of the course must accompany the proposal as a separate page.

GLASSBORO STATE COLLEGE

GLASSBORO, NEW JERSEY

NOVEMBER, 1975

I. Identification

- A. Title of the Course - Agricultural Economics
- B. Department: Department of Political Science/Economics
- C. Sponsors - Dr. Eva Aronfreed, Chairperson

The Committee on the Economics Major Program

II. Essence

- A. Graduate or undergraduate course: undergraduate
- B. Semester hours credit: 3
- C. Course level: 300, suggested Hegis number 2204.365
- D. Prerequisites: 2204.101 and 2204.102 or instructor's permission.
- E. Position of the course in the current and planned departmental curricular structure: For the economics major, it is a specialized elective, but for the college community, it is a free elective.
- F. Suggested time and scale of implementation: It is anticipated that this course will be offered for the first time during the fall of 1978 with an expected enrollment of 30 students.

III. Other Details

- a. Adequacy of the present staff and resources: Present staff is adequate.
- b. Library facilities and needs: Present Library facilities are adequate. Recent publications have been ordered.
- c. Space needs: Present available space is adequate.

- d. Uniqueness of the course: This is the only economics course to be offered concerning agriculture and its problems.
- e. Specific objectives of the course:
  - 1. To develop an understanding of the economics of production, economic problems, and related policies in agriculture.
  - 2. To study the relation between agriculture and economic progress.
  - 3. To develop knowledge and understanding of the economics of production, problems and policies and the relation between economic progress and agriculture in the East Coast in general and New Jersey in particular.
- f. Major topics in the course:
  - 1. Course Description:

Analyzes the agricultural problems in the United States and the implications of public policies. The agricultural problems and policies in the East Coast in general, and in New Jersey in particular will be emphasized.
  - 2. Outline
    - Part I
    - 1. Introduction

What is Agricultural Economics? United States Agriculture - An Aggregate view. East Coast and New Jersey.
    - Part II
    - 2. Economics of Production. A view of Production of farms.

The production process: Farm Production. Farm Income and

and Costs. Economics and Farm Management.

3. Decision Making in Risk and Uncertainty.

A general picture. Probability: Some properties of probability. Risk: Risk and uncertainty defined. Uncertainty: Diversification, Insurance.

4. Farm Adjustment in a changing agriculture: Agricultural land: Quantity and value. Distribution earnings. Land Tenure. Capital and Credit. Technological change: Impact of Technology on the Farm.

5. Marketing Services

Production within Processing Firms. Procurement of Inputs. Organizing the Production and Distribution of Food.

Part III

6. Agricultural Policy

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7. Farm Problems and Programs of the Recent Past: 1920's to 1950's.

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Part V

Agriculture and Economic Progress

9. Role and Place of Agriculture in Economic Development:

Stages of Development. The importance of Agriculture.

Inter-relationships - Agriculture and the General Economy.

10. Contribution of Agriculture to Economic Development:  
Increased food Supplies. Increased Exports. Increased Capital. Release of Labor. Increased demand for non-farm Inputs.
11. Future contributions of Agriculture:  
Provision of food and fiber needs. Source of Manpower. Assistance in World Economic Development Programs.
12. Problems Economic Growth poses for agriculture: Impact on Demand and Cost of Production. Adjustments on Farms and in the Marketing System.

IV. Rationale:

Because of its very place and importance in the economy, activities and policies in the agricultural sector have profound ramifications for the rest of the economy. An understanding of the nature of economic activities, economic problems and policies in agriculture as well as the relationship between agriculture and economic progress is therefore vital for completion of knowledge about the functioning of the Economy. The emphasis on the East Coast problems including those of New Jersey will be appropriate for the Glassboro State College Students.

V. Consultations: Consulted with:

1. Dr. Eva Aronfreed, Chairperson, Dept. of Political Science and Economics.
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