

**Summary of Pending Course Proposals**  
**Agricultural and Applied Economics**  
**1/4/13**

Please note: The undergraduate course changes have no bearing on the graduate course changes.

All of the graduate course changes represent a re-structuring of our PhD major field offerings. Each field (Agriculture, Development, Environment) will offer one “foundations” course and two “frontiers” courses. The foundations courses offer breadth and the frontiers courses offer depth. This re-structuring is the result of a year’s worth of discussion by our faculty and students on the Graduate and Curriculum Committees, and among the faculty as a whole.

<b>Number</b>	<b>What is being proposed</b>	<b>Justification</b>
<b>UNDERGRADUATE</b>		
246	New course on climate change, planned for fall 2013.	We hope it will be a high-impact, freshman access class. We have discussed this extensively within our department and related units, like the Nelson Institute and others.
344	Lowering the course number to 244	The course is taught without pre-requisites, so the lower course number will signal that it is elementary level. We have had problems with senior economics majors taking the course and being “bored.”
<b>GRADUATE</b>		
641	New “foundations” course for PhD major field in <b>agriculture</b> ; also accessible to Master’s level.	Major field restructuring.
642	New “foundations” course for PhD major field in <b>development</b> ; also accessible to Master’s level.	Major field restructuring.
643	New “foundations” course for PhD major field in <b>environment</b> ; also accessible to Master’s level.	Major field restructuring.
730	Change in pre-requisites	Major field restructuring. Want pre-reqs. to be uniform for all frontiers courses.
731	Change in pre-requisites	Major field restructuring. Want pre-reqs. to be uniform for all frontiers courses.
746	New “frontiers” course for PhD major field in <b>agriculture</b> .	Major field restructuring. This has been taught as an 875 special topics but we want to now make it a permanent new course.
747	Title change Catalog description tweaked Change in pre-requisites	Make frontiers titles uniform. New instructor wanted to tweak. Want pre-reqs. to be uniform for all frontiers courses.
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