GE CRITERIA APPROVAL FORM

Course Number and Title: ECON 110 Principles of Microeconomics

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Indicate which of the following categories would be satisfied by this course by marking an “X” on the appropriate lines. Courses may be placed in up to two GE categories as appropriate. Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE courses may be placed in two categories plus the UDIGE category.

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Lab Included? Yes ______ No __X____

Please provide a brief explanation of how the proposed course meets each of the criteria for the selected General Education categories.

ECON 110 is a valuable introduction to the methodological and concerns of the social sciences and economics in particular. It surveys the scope of our discipline and identifies the broad intellectual and public policy issues which occupy the attention of most of our discipline. The course uses the scientific method to study the economic behavior of households and firms, and builds skills in critical thinking.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- explain the economic behavior of households and individual firms
- describe and apply the scientific method to economic behavior
- apply the principles of supply and demand to determine prices and identify the factors that affect supply and demand.
- describe and distinguish between various forms of market structures
- evaluate the costs and benefits of alternative forms of public policy

Hence we feel that this course meets each of the criteria in GE category D.