

**NEW COURSE PROPOSAL**

PROGRAM: BUSINESS

**1. Catalog Description of the Course.** *[Include the course prefix, number, full title, and units. Provide a course narrative including prerequisites and corequisites. If any of the following apply, include in the description: Repeatability (May be repeated to a maximum of \_\_\_ units); time distribution (Lecture \_\_\_ hours, laboratory \_\_\_ hours); non-traditional grading system (Graded CR/NC, ABC/NC). Follow accepted catalog format.]*

**ECON 490. SPECIAL TOPICS (3)**

Three hours per week.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

In-depth analysis of current topics in economics. Topics vary each semester. Repeatable by topic.

**2. Mode of Instruction.**

	Units	Hours per Unit	Benchmark Enrollment
Lecture			
Seminar	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>
Laboratory			
Activity			

**3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course.** (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) *[Use as much space as necessary]*

This course provides an in-depth analysis of issues in economics which may not be addressed thoroughly in other courses. Students are introduced to research at the forefront of the field and benefit from the specific expertise of the instructor.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Identify specific problems in economics.
- Apply the appropriate analytical tools to address specific problems in economics.
- Summarize and report findings related to the description, assessment or solution of problems in economics.

**4. Is this a General Education Course**                      **NO**

**5. Course Content in Outline Form.** *[Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]*

**Sample course outline: Seminar in Law and Economics**

- Introduction to Law
- Property Rights, Economic Mechanisms and Institutional Structures
- Economics of Property Law
- Contract Law and Economics of Contract Theory
- Tort Law and Economics

**6. References.** *[Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]*

References for Sample Course Outline:

Dam, Kenneth. "The Economic Underpinnings of Patent Law." *Journal of Legal Studies*, 23(1), January 1994.

Demsetz, Harold. "Toward a Theory of Property Rights." *American Economic Review*, 1967.

Posner, Eric. "Contract Law in the Welfare State." *Journal of Legal Studies*, 24(2), June 1995.

Rapaczynski, Andrezej. "The Roles of the State and the Market in Establishing Property Rights." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 10(2), Spring 1996.

Other materials to be selected by the instructor.

**7. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.**

Prof. Dennis Muraoka

Prof. Paul Rivera

Prof. Ashish Vaidya

**8. Frequency.**

a. Projected semesters to be offered: Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring   x   Summer \_\_\_\_\_

**9. New Resources Required.**

None.

**10. Consultation.**

Attach consultation sheet from all program areas, Library, and others (if necessary)

**11.** If this new course will alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program, attach a program modification.

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Proposer of Course

Date