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Date: Monday, December 10, 2018  
To: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate  
From: Jean Standard, Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee  
Robert Quinlan, Chairperson, Graduate Curriculum Committee  
RE: Executive Summary for the following new program proposal

Graduate

new Quantitative Economics Sequence – Applied Economics, M.A., M.S.

**New Quantitative Economics Sequence - Applied Economics, M.A., M.S.**

<https://registrar.illinoisstate.edu/curriculumforms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=57>

Rationale provided with proposal: On an annual basis, several of the students who join the master's program in applied economics intend to pursue a PhD after their graduation. Joining the PhD program in economics, however, requires a solid quantitative background, which many students lack. Under the current program offerings in economics, students have limited options to take courses outside of the department. In fact, outside courses are handled on individual basis using overrides, and are at the discretion of the graduate program director. The proposed sequence in quantitative economics provides a formal sequence through which potential candidates can take several courses in the math department while at the same time satisfying their economics graduation requirements, and graduate within the two-year framework.