

# Cover Sheet: Request 11948

## Change of Prerequisites: ECO 4270

### Info

Process	Course Modify Ugrad/Pro
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### Actions

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Department	Approved	CLAS - Economics 011643001	David Knight		10/23/2017
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College	Approved	CLAS - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	David Knight		12/4/2017
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Statewide Course Numbering System					
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Student Academic Support System					
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Catalog					
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College Notified					
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### Responses

**Current Prefix**ECO

**Course Level**4

**Number** 270

**Lab Code** None

**Course Title** Economic Growth

**Effective Term** Earliest Available

**Effective Year** Earliest Available

**Requested Action** Other (selecting this option opens additional form fields below)

**Change Course Prefix?**No

**Change Course Level?**No

**Change Course Number?**No

**Change Lab Code?**No

**Change Course Title?**No

**Change Transcript Title?**No

**Change Credit Hours?**No

**Change Variable Credit?**No

**Change S/U Only?**No

**Change Contact Type?**No

**Change Rotating Topic Designation?**No

**Change Repeatable Credit?**No

**Maximum Repeatable Credits**4

**Change Course Description?**No

**Change Prerequisites?**Yes

**Current Prerequisites**(MAC 2233 or higher) and ECO 3101 and (ECO 3203 or ECO 3713)

**Proposed Prerequisites**(MAC 2233 or higher) and (ECO 3101 or ECP 3703)  
**Change Co-requisites?**No

**Rationale**There are two distinct changes to the prerequisites being proposed, and each has a different rationale.

First, the change from "ECO 3101" to "ECO 3101 or ECP 3703" is driven by the recent decision to reopen the economics minor. The economics minor requires ECP 3703 -- whereas the economics major requires ECO 3101 -- and since the minor had been closed a few years ago, the Department of Economics had phased out offering ECP 3703. As such, when ECO 4270 was proposed, ECP 3703 was not incorporated into the prerequisites.

ECO 3101 and ECP 3703 have similar course objectives. In fact, the UF Catalog prohibits students from receiving credit for both courses due to substantial overlap. As such, the Department believes that ECP 3703 would satisfy the same previous content requirement as the ECO 3101 prerequisite does.

Second, the removal of "ECO 3203 or ECO 3713" as a prerequisite was requested by the course instructor. When he developed the course and selected the prerequisites initially, he was a first-term faculty member at UF and thought that students would need ECO 3203 or ECO 3713 to be successful in his course. After teaching the course for a number of terms, and interacting with economics majors more generally, he believes that ECO 3101 or ECP 3703 would sufficiently prepare his students for success in this course. By removing unnecessary prerequisites, his course would be accessible to more students.