

# RECOMMENDED 100-LEVEL COURSE ELECTIVES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

There are several constraints and issues to consider in selecting 100-level electives.

**1. LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF 100-LEVEL COURSES:** Your 31-unit program of study cannot include more than five 100-level courses. Since this five-course limit includes Econ 104, a required course, your effective choice set is reduced to only four, additional 100-level courses.

**2. COURSES RELATED TO SECTION III ON THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAM:** Section III will automatically contain a question pertaining to the following courses: Econ 205A, Econ 132 or 232, Econ 121 or 221, and Econ 212. Students can petition to include questions for other 100-level courses. The following courses are **excluded** from the exam: Econ 135, Econ 136, Econ 137A, Econ 137B, Econ 109. *Hence, it is in your interest to select elective courses that can appear on Section III of the exam.*

**3. ELECTIVE COURSES IN ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OR COLLEGE:** The Department will consider including two courses from another Department at SJSU as part of your program of study. These courses must be graduate level and must show a clear relation to the student's interests and program of study in economics. These classes must be approved case-by-case by the graduate advisor. *Note, however, that taking courses outside the Department reduces your options for questions that you can attempt in Section III of the comprehensive exam.* It is your responsibility to check with the other Department for prerequisites and acceptance in their course.

**4. DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:** Students lacking undergraduate preparation in economics may benefit from studying a particular area in sequence. For example, students might take Econ 132 before taking Econ 232, or Econ 141 before taking Econ 200. The advantage of taking courses in a sequence is obtaining a greater depth of knowledge in a particular area.

**5. LIST OF ECONOMICS COURSES APPROVED FOR GRADUATE ELECTIVES:**

Econ 137A, Econ 137B (These courses will not be included on the exam)

Econ 112 (related exam questions asked at the level of Econ 212),

Econ 121 (related exam questions asked at the level of Econ 221 *when the course is offered*),

Econ 135 (related exam questions asked at the level of Econ 235)

Econ 132 (related exam questions asked at the level of Econ 232)

Econ 141 (related exam questions asked at the level of Econ 200)

Econ 110, Econ 111, Econ 139, Econ 151, Econ 160, Econ 165, Econ 166, Econ 190A, Econ 193.

**6. COURSES USED TO MEET PREREQUISITES:** Conditional acceptance into the program means that you are required to complete prerequisite courses before taking graduate level courses. A prerequisite course cannot count towards the MA. However, the **GRADE** you receive in **ALL** courses counts in calculating your overall GPA.

*Graduate Students **cannot** take Econ 101, 102, 108, 109, and 136 for elective credit.*