POLICY FOR PRE-APPROVED COURSEWORK

This list contains all the economics electives at foreign universities that the Economics Department has pre-approved for credit as lower-level (200-level) or upper-level (300-level) electives, or not approved for credit, towards the A&S Economics major or minor and the CSOM concentration in Economics. Note that all courses accepted by the Department will receive 3 credits, regardless of the number of credits assigned to the course at the host institution.

Students planning to study abroad should be aware of the following two points:

1. The courses on the list are not the only courses that might be approved as lower or upper-level electives, just the courses we are familiar with. Students interested in a course that is not on the list should provide the Director of Undergraduate Studies (currently Frank Gollop, gollop@bc.edu) with a course syllabus or description and, importantly, the prerequisites for the course. The same rules apply for accepting electives for credit as at Boston College: if there are no Economics prerequisites, then the course is not accepted for credit; if there is a Principles prerequisite, then the course is accepted as a lower-level elective; if there is a Theory prerequisite, then the course is accepted as an upper-level elective. Note, also, that students wishing to take a course that is credited as an upper-level elective must have taken the corresponding Theory course at Boston College, for example, Macroeconomic Theory to get credit of an elective abroad with a macro theory prerequisite.

2. The following two conditions apply to receive credit for any courses from abroad as electives for the A&S major, minor, or CSOM concentration in Economics:

   i). Students must have already taken both Principles courses, Statistics, and at least one of the Theory courses, and have received at least a B- in at least one of the Theory courses. Students cannot take Theory courses for credit abroad. Note that students who take their first Theory course the semester before studying abroad will not know until the end of the semester whether they meet the B- grade minimum to be able to receive credit for electives subsequently taken abroad.

   ii). As a general rule, Economics majors may receive credit for up to two electives, total, from outside the Department, which includes study abroad, summer programs, and BC's Woods College of Advancing Studies (one course, total, for minors and CSOM concentrators in Economics). Therefore, any electives already credited from summer programs or the Woods College reduce the number of electives that may be credited from study abroad. Exceptions may be made for transfer students, students with AP credits in Principles and/or Statistics, and students studying abroad for the entire year such as at the London School of Economics. Students for whom these exceptions may apply should consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies.