

**Petition to Have a 5-College Economics Course Fulfill the Seminar
Requirement for the Smith College Economics Major**

Instructions for the Petitioning Student: Complete the following five lines of this form and give it to the instructor of the 5-College course. Ask the instructor to complete the questions at the bottom, sign the petition, and give it back to you. Finally, submit the completed form along with a course description and a syllabus (if available) to your major adviser before enrolling in the course.

Student's name: _____

Student's major advisor: _____

Course number and full title: _____

Instructor's name: _____

Institution: _____

Dear Professor:

Every economics major at Smith is required to take an Economics Seminar, which we consider our capstone experience. All seminars have a pre-requisite of intermediate micro and/or macroeconomics and require a major research paper. In addition, each seminar has a significant oral component which is satisfied both by frequent class participation and a formal oral presentation by each student (usually about her research paper) in front of the entire class. In order to achieve these objectives, our enrollment is capped at 15.

This student is requesting that your course satisfy the seminar requirement for her major. Could you please verify its comparability by answering the following questions and signing your name at the bottom? Thank you.

1. About how many students do you expect will be enrolled? _____

2. Would you describe your course as primarily a lecture course or a discussion course?

3. Does your course require each student to write a major research paper? _____

4. Does your course have a pre-requisite of intermediate micro and/or macroeconomics? _____

5. Is each student required to make a significant oral presentation to the rest of the class? _____
6. Is each student encouraged to participate regularly in class discussions? _____
7. Optional Comments:

Instructor's Signature: _____

Instructor's Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this student's major adviser, listed above.

The Smith College Economics Department