Learning Outcomes Common to All Options (BS in Economics)

1) Graduates will understand economic concepts and quantitative methods: The fundamental economic concepts and quantitative methods underlying intermediate (undergraduate level) applied economics analysis will be well understood for appropriate application in specific majors, including applications in the agricultural production sector, agribusiness sector, environmental and resource management issues, and general policy and business decision making. The School of Economic Sciences has developed a list of economic concepts and quantitative skills that represent the core set of topics that are common to learning outcomes across all degree programs in the School. These core economic concepts and quantitative skills are listed on the SES website at http://www.ses.wsu.edu/learning/.

2) Graduates will be well trained in critical, integrative, and evaluative thinking: Fundamental economic concepts and quantitative methods are necessary tools for conducting economic analysis, but the ability to critically integrate these tools into logical decision-making constructs is the overarching goal of the degree programs. Graduates will be able to apply economic concepts, together with quantitative methods and technical information relating to the decision environment, to assist policy makers and target groups in evaluating economic tradeoffs and in making rational economic decisions. Graduates will also be capable of analyzing and evaluating broad economic and social problems concerning the allocation of individual, firm and social resources within their specific degree interest area.

3) Graduates will have strong communication skills: Well developed verbal and written communication skills are necessary for efficient and clear dissemination of economic analysis, as well as for success in private and public sector careers that logically follow the degrees offered by the School of Economic Sciences. Graduates will be capable of communicating the results of economic analyses in a clear, compelling, and informative fashion in both oral and written forms.