Subject: Economics

Subject Librarian Liaison: Edward Kownslar

Section I: Program Descriptions

Description of Undergraduate Program:

Economics Major (College of Business). The economics major is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the theory and applications of economics in preparation for their chosen profession. Possible career opportunities for graduates include entry-level positions as research and financial analysts in the business and government sectors; and brokerage and currency traders in the financial and banking sectors. In addition, the economics major offers an excellent preparation for graduate studies in law, economics and other business disciplines. (Source: 2007-2008 Undergraduate Catalog)

Minor in Economics (For Business and Nonbusiness Majors, College of Business). This minor is designed to serve students who are interested in supplementing their majors with an added knowledge of economics. A minimum of twelve hours must be taken at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. For additional information, contact the academic advisor in the College of Business.

Economics (College of Liberal Arts). The Bachelor of Arts in Economics provides students with a liberal arts approach to economics, which includes an emphasis on qualitative reasoning, public policy and the multidisciplinary aspects of the subject. Students are given entry-level knowledge, skills, and concepts for positions requiring an understanding of how the economy operates, how government interacts with and affects economic outcomes, and how the economy impacts and is impacted by social and political factors. Possible career opportunities for graduates include entry-level positions in public policy jobs in the private and government sectors, teaching economics at the high school level (with additional educational qualifications), and employment in administrative positions. In addition, the economics major offers an excellent preparation for graduate studies in law, economics and other social sciences. Core courses for the B.A. in Economics provide students with a background in macroeconomics, microeconomics, money and banking, international economic issues, and history of economic thought. Students earning the B.A. in Economics select electives in the areas of
sociology, history, and political science, providing them with a liberal arts framework for their study of economics. The Bachelor of Arts in Economics graduates will be able to:
• Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts and theories of economics, and of the basic issues in public policy, both in domestic and international terms.
• Apply reasoning and analytical skills so as to enter a professional or graduate program, or to qualify for a career related to economics.

Undergraduate Catalog Course Listings: The course listings are available in the University’s Undergraduate Catalog, which is available at: http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/index.html

Description of Graduate Program:

Neither the College of Business nor the College of Liberal Arts offers a graduate degree in economics. The College of Business however does offer several graduate courses in economics in support of other graduate degrees.

Descriptions of these courses, as well as the graduate courses in Economics, are available in the University’s Graduate Catalog, which is available at: http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/index.html

**Section II: Collection Levels**

The designated collection levels will provide the appropriate support for the University’s curriculum and academic programs. These levels are ideal collection targets and are dependent on funding.

The library adheres to library collection standards set by the State Higher Education Coordinating Board (http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (http://www.sacs.org/), and other accreditation agencies.

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Section III: Preferred Collection Formats and Languages

Preferred Collection Format(s): (1) Electronic for periodicals and indexes; (2) Print for monographs.

Lower-Priority Collection Formats: Microforms

Language: English

Section IV: Noteworthy Publishers:

Pearson Education http://www.pearsonhighered.com/
Lexington Books http://www.lexingtonbooks.com/
Sage http://www.sagepub.com/
St Martin’s Press http://us.macmillan.com/SMP.aspx
Oxford University Press http://www.oup.co.uk/
University of Chicago Press http://www.press.uchicago.edu/

Section V: Specialized Lists/Bibliographies in this Subject Area:

Blackwell’s Collection Manager http://cm.blackwell.com/
Library Journal Best Sellers List http://www.libraryjournal.com/info/CA6338145.html#BSL

Book reviews in:
Section VI: Weeding Policy
(Including Frequency of Collection Assessment):

The collections for Economics (in the Main and Reference collections) will be examined, and weeded, every five years.

Weeding criteria include (1) Currency and relevance of material to the curriculum; (2) Updated/revised editions; and (3) Physical condition of the title (please see the “Weeding” section of the General Collection Development Policy).

Section VII: Gift Policy:

The library will accept donations of materials (monographs, periodicals, etc.) in this subject area. All donors are encouraged to fill out, and sign, a form with the Technical Services Department when the library accepts those materials. If the donor allows the library to keep all donated materials, then the library has the discretion about whether to integrate those materials into the collections or use them in another capacity, such as: (1) Donating those titles to another library; (2) Including them in the annual book sale; or (3) Recycling the materials if no other parties or organizations can use the materials. However, the donor can also specify on the form that they would like all donated materials returned to them if the library cannot add those materials to the collections.

The library will add gift books to the collections only if they support the curriculum and student research in Economics.

The Library will generally add print periodical titles to its collections under the following conditions: (1) The library already has a current subscription to that title; (2) The library has determined that there is adequate room for older print volumes of that title; (3) The library does not own those titles but they fit the subject’s selection criteria.

Revised by S. Sutton, 5/20/2008

Approved by Library Director 8/1/2008.