An ECoAL Future

As regular USMNEWS.net readers are aware, the CoB's economics unit has been cut from nine economists to three by the Lance Nail/Martha Saunders administration of the CoB/USM. The remaining three economists, Sami Dakhlia, Akbar Marvasti, and Daniel Monchuk, will be moving into the CoAL after 30-June-2010. To see what life might be like in 2010-11 for these three economists, USMNEWS.net examined the tentative Fall 2010 USM course schedule guide. The table below contains what was found for the Hattiesburg-based economists.

Course	Times	Instructor
ECO 101	9:30am-10:45am, TuTh	Staff
	11:00am-12:15pm, TuTh	Staff
ECO 101H	2:25pm-3:40pm, TuTh	Staff
ECO 201	10:00am-10:50am, MWF	Monchuk
	2:25pm-3:40pm, TuTh	Marvasti
ECO 202	11:00am-12:15pm, MW	Dakhlia
	1:00pm-2:15pm, MW	Dakhlia
ECO 336	9:30am-10:45am, TuTh	Marvasti
	11:00am-12:15pm, TuTh	Marvasti
ECO 340	3:30pm-4:45pm, MW	Dakhlia
ECO 450	2:00pm-3:15pm, MW	Monchuk

Tentative ECO Course Schedule, Fall 2010

The table above represents what appears to be the smallest group of ECO offerings that USM has seen in decades. There are no more than two sections of any course, including ECO 101, ECO 101H, ECO 201, and ECO 202. Dakhlia is teaching 9 hours on a MW schedule, while Marvasti is producing 9 hours on a TuTh schedule. Monchuk is scheduled for six hours, though there are 9 hours uncovered in ECO 101 and ECO 101H. Assuming ECO 101H is cancelled, which could easily happen, Monchuk could be asked to teach one or both sections of ECO 101. The two sections of ECO 101 could be merged into one to make the workload more palatable to Monchuk.