

## Bachelor of Arts in Marvasti & Monchuk (M&M)

The 2009-10 elimination of economics from USM's CoB sent only four of the unit's 10 faculty to the College of Arts & Letters. Of the other six, five were forced into retirement and one was fired. The four who survived (in the CoAL) were Sami Dakhliia, Deniz Gevrek, Akbar Marvasti and Daniel Monchuk. However, before the move could be made (on 1-July-10), Gevrek surprised the CoB with a Christmas holidays 2009 departure for Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. That bit of news was repeated just recently, when it was [announced](#) that Sami Dakhliia would be resigning after 2009-10 and taking a position with a university in France.

Now, the only remaining economists are Marvasti and Monchuk. This report revisits the fall 2010 teaching schedules for USM's economics faculty. Table 1 below contains this particular data (from the USM Registrar).

Table 1 – Fall 2010 ECO Courses

Course	Days	Room Cap	Instructor
ECO 101	TR	192	?
ECO 101H	TR	15	?
ECO 201	MWF	60	Monchuk
ECO 201	TR	125	Marvasti
ECO 201	MW	56	Monchuk
ECO 202	MW	105	?
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ECO 336	TR	56	Marvasti
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ECO 340	MW	40	?
ECO 450	MW	20	Monchuk

As Table 1 indicates, Marvasti and Monchuk are teaching 9-hour loads. Marvasti is handling two sections of ECO 336 and one section of ECO 201. Monchuk is carrying two sections of ECO 201 and one section of ECO 450. Marvasti and Monchuk will also (potentially) have 237 students and 136 students, respectively. The table also shows that there are two *uncovered* sections of ECO 101 (potentially 207 students), two *uncovered* sections of ECO 202 (potentially 210 students), and one *uncovered* section of ECO 340 (potentially 40 students). In all, these represent the possibility that 457 students will need Marvasti and Monchuk to step up and provide instruction to them as well.

As it stands now, new USM students who one day graduate from USM in economics will have had all of their courses taught by Marvasti and/or Monchuk. That is exactly why some will be saying that they earned B.A. degrees in Marvasti & Monchuk.