SPECIAL OUTRIGHT WAIVER JOHNS HOPKINS BA/MA-SAIS STUDENTS

TREATMENT OF BA/MA STUDENTS FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY:

BA/MA students typically take the same intermediate-level micro and macro courses offered to undergraduate economics majors at the main JHU campus. Some may, in addition, have equivalent courses in trade, monetary/open-economy macroeconomics, or statistics. **BA/MA students with the specific courses listed below will continue to be granted outright waivers for the corresponding subject without need to take the waiver exams. However they are not absolved of the minimum four-economics course requirement as part of the SAIS degree.** They must replace the waived course with an economics elective to fulfill the M.A. degree requirements. The principal benefit of the outright waiver to the BA/MA students now is that it better enables them to obtain specializations in economics, or take higher-level elective courses sooner.

BA/MA students that do not have the courses listed below but have a similar course on transcript have to provide the international economics program waiver administrators with detailed course information and based on the level of the course a determination will be made as to whether they can be outright waived of the course, asked to attempt the waiver exam, or sit the course at SAIS.

Equivalent JHU Courses:

180.301 Microeconomic Theory—qualifies BA/MA student for outright waiver of the SAIS microeconomics course. (Must replace with another economics elective to meet the minimum four-course economics requirement.)

180.301 Macroeconomic Theory—qualifies BA/MA student for outright waiver of SAIS macroeconomics course. (Must replace with another economics elective to meet the minimum four-course economics requirement.)

Note: The JHU courses 180.101 “Elements of Microeconomics” and 180.102 “Elements of Macroeconomics” do not qualify the BA/MA student for outright waiver, but may only qualify them to attempt the micro and macro waiver exams. This is also the case for all other microeconomics and macroeconomics related courses that are not the specific ones listed above—depending on the course the student may be allowed to attempt the waiver exam, but not given an outright waiver.

180.241 International Trade—qualifies BA/MA student for outright waiver of SAIS international trade course. (Must replace with another economics elective to meet the minimum four-course economics requirement.)

180.242 International Monetary Economics—qualifies BA/MA student for outright waiver of SAIS international monetary theory course. (Must replace with another economics elective to meet the minimum four-course economics requirement.)
International trade or international monetary economics courses that are not the specific ones listed above do not qualify a BA/MA student for an outright waiver, but they may (if they are “equivalent enough” to the SAIS course) qualify the student for an attempt at the corresponding waiver exam. If not, the student will be asked to take the course for credit at SAIS.

BA/MA students with an equivalent course to the SAIS statistics course may submit their transcript and course syllabus to the waiver exam administrators for consideration. Depending on the course taken the student will be either given an outright waiver, or asked to attempt the statistics waiver exam, or asked to sit the SAIS statistics course.

SAIS students who have taken any of the specified courses above but were not part of the BA/MA program with SAIS (such as BA/MA students affiliated with Sciences Po/Pompeu Fabra, or students from any JHU program who happened to take the above courses) are automatically qualified to attempt the waiver exam for the corresponding subject, but will not be granted an outright waiver of the course, inasmuch as the prior course was not taken as an integral component of the SAIS M.A. degree.