

**Fogelman College of Business and Economics**  
**Close the Loop Improvements**  
**Master of Arts in Economics (MA Econ) Degree**  
**Spring 2014**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Improvement</b>
1	Ensure that students have a sufficiently strong mathematical background to undertake graduate studies in economics	Offer the 4000/6000 level course in Quantitative Methods every year.	For the last three years the Department has offered the quantitative methods class, ECON 4810/6810, every spring. However, this is no longer feasible because of low enrollment. Instead, students have been advised to take courses in calculus, linear algebra, statistics, differential equations, or real analysis in the Mathematics Department.
2	Performance in microeconomic theory could be improved a bit.	Encourage students to attend and participate in the departmental seminars.	The MA Coordinator, Dr. Hussey, directed students towards the research seminar and encouraged them to present their research.
3	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	Students would profit from applying theory to real-world problems outside of classes.	Encourage students to attend and participate in the departmental seminars	The MA Coordinator, Dr. Hussey, directed students towards the research seminar and encouraged them to present their research.