# ECONOMICS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

For students entering the major Fall 2015 or later

In addition to satisfying all University requirements and the College of Social and Behavioral Science (SBS) Global Education (Global Ed) requirement, all undergraduates must complete these major requirements to receive a BA degree in Economics.

Students pursuing a secondary major in Economics are not required to complete the Integrative Experience or Junior Year Writing requirements in Economics, but must complete those requirements within their primary major.

## Core Requirements

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## 4 Upper-level Courses

- ECON 300-level or above
- ECON 4911 does NOT count here
- no more than one RES-ECON
- should include Econ IE course if primary major is Econ
- see add’l restrictions below

## Additional Requirements

| Option A | Option B 
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| 2 add’l Econ upper-levels | collateral courses (see details below) |

## RESTRICTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

- All Econ courses used toward the major must be 3 or more credits and must be content courses approved as major requirements
- Skills courses, such as ECON 4911, may not be used toward the major
- No course used for the Economics major may be taken pass/fail
- A minimum grade of D is required for any course used for the major
- Minimum cumulative major GPA for graduation is 2.0
- No more than one independent study or honors research/thesis may count toward the major (any course number containing 96 or 99)
- Practicum (internship) credit does not count toward the major (any course number containing 98)
- Students planning to attend graduate school in Economics should meet with Chief Undergrad Advisor for course planning
- **Option A** may be satisfied by completion of two upper-level Econ courses that meet the same criteria of those taken for core reqs
- **Option B** may be satisfied by completion of one of the following:
  - any other major, minor, or certificate at UMass Amherst
  - five Isenberg upper-level content courses carrying 3+ credits;
  - five upper-level collateral courses totaling at least 15 credits that are selected by the student and pre-approved by the Economics Chief Undergraduate Advisor prior to enrollment.

Students are responsible for reviewing all requirements on their Academic Requirements Report (ARR) in SPIRE, meeting with their academic advisors at least once per year to review progress, and ensuring that all requirements are completed prior to their expected graduation date.

Questions? Email advising@econs.umass.edu or make an appointment at umass.edu/economics/undergraduate/advising.