

Economics Major Requirements

For students admitted to UMass Fall 2018 or later

Name: _____

Date: _____

SPIRE ID#: _____

() Primary | () Secondary

Email: _____@umass.edu

Graduation Term: _____

120 credits needed to graduate:

2.0 GPA needed to graduate:

_____ Credits **earned** to date.

_____ Cumulative GPA.

_____ Current semester credits.

_____ Major GPA.

_____ Total remaining credits.

_____ Residency credits (45 minimum).

General Education Requirement | All Students

Requirement	Taken	Requirement	Taken
College Writing (CW)		Literature or Arts (AL or AT)	
Basic Math (R1)		Historical Studies (HS)	
Analytical Reasoning (R2)		Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)	
Biological Science (BS)		Social World (AL, AT, SB, I, or SI)	
Physical Science (PS)		United States Diversity (DU)*	
		Global Diversity (DG)*	

*All entering students, first-years and transfers, will be required to take one of their two required diversity courses within their first year on campus.

General Education Requirement | Transfer Students Only

Requirement	Taken
Additional General Education Course	
Additional General Education Course	

Economics Major | Core Requirements

Requirement	Courses	Taken	Grade
Introductory Courses	Econ 103: Intro to Microeconomic or Res-Econ 102: Intro to Resource Economics		
	Econ 104: Intro to Macroeconomics		
Calculus I and II	Math 127: Calculus for the Life and Social Sciences I or Math 131: Calculus I		
	Math 128: Calculus for the Life and Social Sciences II or Math 132: Calculus II		
Statistics	Res-Econ 212: Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences, Stat 240: Introduction to Statistics, Stat 501: Methods of Applied Statistics, or Stat 515: Statistics I		
Intermediate Theory	Econ 203: Intermediate Microeconomics or Res-Econ 202: Price Theory		
	Econ 204: Intermediate Macroeconomics		
Junior Year Writing	Econ 365: Writing in Economics or Junior Year Writing in primary major		
4 Upper-Level Courses ¹ <i>Must include an Economics IE course for primary majors</i>			

¹The 4 upper-level courses must:

- Include an Economics Integrative Experience (IE) course for primary majors. Secondary majors will complete an IE in their primary major.
- Be Economics courses numbered Econ 205 and above (only one Resource Econ course can be applied to this requirement).
- Not include Econ 4911, practicum/internship credit, or more than one Res-Econ course.
- Earn at least a D for it to count toward the major.
- Include no more than one independent study or honors research/thesis.

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Economics Major | Additional Requirements

Requirement	Courses	Taken	Grade
Option A	Upper-Level Economics Course 1:		
	Upper-Level Economics Course 2:		
OR			
Option B ²			

² Option B may be satisfied by one of the following:

- Any other major, minor, or certificate at UMass Amherst.
- Five Isenberg upper-level content courses carrying three or more credits at the 200 level or above.
- Five upper-level collateral courses totaling at least fifteen credits that are selected by the student and pre-approved by the Economics Director of Undergraduate Advising *prior* to enrollment.

Economics Major | International and Intercultural Requirement

Requirement	Courses	Taken	Grade
International and Intercultural ³	Course 1:		
	Course 2:		
	Course 3:		

³ The International and Intercultural requirement may be satisfied by one of the following options:

- Option 1: Three courses (three credits each) from the list of SBS International and Intercultural courses.
- Option 2: Nine credits of a single language.
- Option 3: Six credits of a single language *and* one three-credit course from the list of SBS International and Intercultural courses.
- Option 4: A certificate program with an international emphasis.
- Option 5: Department-approved study abroad program where eight credits are taken and transferred.

Guidelines

- No course required for the Economics major may be taken Pass/Fail.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 must be earned in courses applied to Economics major requirements.
- An overall minimum grade point average of 2.0 must be earned in courses applied to either Economics Major Option A *or* Economics Major Option B.
- A minimum of four of the nine required Economics courses must be taken in the Department of Economics at UMass Amherst.

Independent Study, Honors Thesis, Internship, and Non-Content Credit

- No more than one Independent Study or Honors Research/Thesis course (any course number containing 96 or 99) may count toward Economics major requirements.
- Internship (Practicum) credit (any course number containing 98) **does not** count toward Economics major requirements.
- Non-content skill courses, such as Econ 491I: Job Skills for Economics Majors, do not count toward the major.

Second Majors, Double Majors, and Dual Degrees

- Students pursuing a **double major, with Economics as a primary major**, may satisfy the Junior Year Writing (JYW) requirement with an approved JYW course from their secondary major, but must have the substitution approved by an Economics advisor. The Integrative Experience (IE) requirement must be satisfied by an approved Economics IE course and generally cannot be satisfied by a course from the secondary major.
- Students pursuing a **double major, with Economics as a secondary major**, are not required to complete the IE requirement or JYW in Economics but must satisfy these requirements with courses in their primary major.
- Students pursuing a dual degree (150 credits, two Bachelor degrees) must complete the IE requirement and junior year writing requirement **only** for the major that is listed as their primary major in SPIRE.

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