

To: Sophomores considering or declaring Economics major  
From: Avinash Dixit, Economics Dep. Rep.  
Subject: Action required during advising and sign-up period  
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This is to supplement information you will have received from the Dean Fowler or others in the Office of the Dean of the College about your declaration of concentration.

To become an Economics major you must satisfy some prerequisites. The purpose of the advising period is to make sure you meet the requirements, and to help you make plans about your work in the junior year and beyond. Please begin by reading carefully the information and rules posted on our web site:

<http://www.princeton.edu/economics/undergraduate/information/>

Here are just a few basics:

Prerequisites: ECO 100, ECO 101, ECO 202, MAT 103 or beyond, all taken for grade (no PDFs) and each passed with a C- or better. There are specified equivalents and exemptions; these are posted on the web site. If you are missing one of these courses, you can take a PRE-approved summer course. In that case your admission to the ECO major will be provisional, to be confirmed if you pass the summer course and obtain a C or better, the required grade for outside courses. The department's rules for PRE-approval are in the document titled "Rules on Preapproval of Courses Taken Elsewhere".

Core courses of the major: ECO 300 or 310 (micro), ECO 301 or 311 (macro), ECO 302 or 312 (econometrics). The 30x courses are the "less-math" track requiring only MAT 103; the 31x courses are the "more-math" track requiring MAT 200 or beyond. All three courses must be completed during or before your junior year; otherwise you cannot start your senior year as an economics major.

Departmental Electives: The major requires five elective ECO 3xx, 4xx or 5xx courses; you should plan to complete at least 2 of these before the end of your junior year.

Cognates: Up to two economics electives can be substituted by pre-approved 300- or 400-level courses from other departments that have substantial economics content and are related to your overall program of work. See the web site for details. If you want cognate approval for any courses you are taking as a sophomore, you must ask for it now.

You can make appointments for consultation and/or course selection with Prof. Dixit (the Departmental Representative) at <https://wass.princeton.edu>. Please bring with you: [1] the attached Major Declaration Checklist duly completed, [2] your internal transcript, and [3] two copies of the SCORE course enrollment worksheet for Fall 2009, completed as far as you have decided.

If you are sure that you meet the prerequisites and have made up your mind about your Fall 2009 courses and are confident that you don't need an appointment, please place the same materials in Prof. Dixit's mailbox in the economics department office. He will sign and return them via Noelina Hall, the department's Undergraduate Program Manager.

Department of Economics  
Spring Term 2009  
Major Declaration Checklist

Please PRINT CLEARLY. Use your official name in the University's records, not a nickname or preferred name.

Your FULL name:

E-mail address:

Course	Term and year taken	Grade	Explanation of Alternative
ECO 100			
ECO 101			
ECO 202			
MAT 103, 200 or 201 Circle one			

In the last column, note anything different, e.g. "placed out with AP 5 grade", "will take summer course". If the latter, bring details of the proposed course with you.

Have you already taken or are you taking in Spring 2009 any economics courses at the 300-level or beyond? If so, please state course number and when taken:

Course	Term and year taken	Grade

Do you wish to have accepted as Cognates any 300 or 400 level courses from other departments that you have already taken or are taking this term? If so, please list them below, and complete and bring a cognate request form.

Course	Term and year taken	Grade