

Honors in the Major

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Economics

Overview

The Honors in the Major Program will provide FAU undergraduate students the opportunity to achieve academic excellence beyond the level of standard course work by completing honors-level enrichment in Economics. Students interested in pursuing Honors designation in Economics are required to meet the eligibility and admission requirements noted below. Each student's Honors program of study will include 12 credit hours in Honors course work in upper-level Economics courses.

Undergraduate students who successfully fulfill all requirements below and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.25 or greater at the time of degree conferral will receive a designation of Honors in the Major on their transcript. The transcript designations will include:

Honors in Economics: [Honors Capstone Research]

Requirements for Eligibility and Admission to the Honors in the Major in Economics:

- Completed Microeconomics and Macroeconomics principles (ECO2023 and ECO2013), Methods of Calculus (MAC2233), and Introductory Statistics (STA2023) with a minimum cumulative GPA in those courses of 3.5.
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.25 overall
- Formal application can be submitted after completion of 30 credit hours and no later than 3 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester for which students seek to enroll in the Honors in the Major Program. Most students will apply for the program after completing their sophomore year.

The application package should include:

- Application form
- Unofficial transcript
- Resume
- Personal statement
- Letter of support by a member of the Economics department faculty
*****Letter should be from your principles instructor*****

The director will schedule a brief interview before enrolling students into the honors program. Program entry is limited to 20 percent of students within the Economics major. Maximum: 16 students

Requirements to maintain Eligibility to the Honors in the Major in Economics

- Maintain good academic and ethical standing
- Maintain cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.25 overall
- Maintain cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.5 in all four honors courses.

If any of the above standards for maintaining eligibility in the program are not met, students will be advised accordingly on how to undertake remedial actions. Students will be required to bring their GPA up to the required 3.5 by the end of the program.

If students are not able to bring their GPA in the four courses back up to a 3.5 or their cumulative GPA falls below 3.25 students will be removed from the honors program but credits will still apply towards their undergraduate degree in economics.

Students will not be allowed to continue in the honors in the major program for:

- Violation of the Code of Academic Integrity
- Any grade of less than less than B in an Honors course

The Honors Program in Economics consists of four courses:

- Honors Intermediate Microeconomics
- Honors Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Honors Introduction to Econometrics
- Honors Senior Seminar in Economics

Students will take Honors Intermediate Microeconomics in the fall semester of their junior year followed by Honors Intermediate Macroeconomics and Honors Introduction to Econometrics in the spring semester of their junior year. In the spring of their senior year, they will take the capstone undergraduate research course, Honors Senior Seminar in Economics. Students who have already completed a non-honors section of any of the core courses in the honors program (i.e., Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics) are ineligible for the program.

Honors Level Enrichment:

Honors level enrichment will be provided in the form of extensive mentoring in practical research by departmental faculty or approved departmental affiliated faculty culminating in production of a research project. Honors students will meet regularly with a faculty mentor and a mentor from our to-be-established Advisory Board.

Honors Students will be invited to all faculty seminars and workshops.

Students will have a total of 2 years to complete all requirements for the honors program, after which they will have to meet with the director to discuss their progress.

Honors Capstone Research Outcomes:

- Production of a high-quality report for an external agency or internal use, a research grant application, conference paper, or a journal article.
- Dissemination of research results via a presentation or a poster at a local, regional, national or international research conference/ symposium.

If the requirements are not met, the student will receive a grade for the course that will count towards her/his degree in Economics but will not receive the Honors Designation.

Students will be encouraged to seek opportunities for publication/ presentation such as participation in the *Undergraduate Research Symposium*, *Distinction through Discovery* competitions, *FAU Undergraduate Research Journal*, and National Collegiate Honors Society conference, among others.

All Honors students must complete the Honors Senior Seminar course, which will involve individual supervised research. Students will complete a research paper on a topic of their choosing. At the end of the semester the Honors students will present their research to the class, members of the faculty, and other guests and submit the paper to a journal for consideration to be published.