

# ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT DECLARATION OF MAJOR/MINOR FORM

## (A) WORKSHEET FOR STUDENTS

Bring this **FILLED-IN** form **AND** a copy of a "What if" DARS for **Interest in Economics** (on the BU Brain – **bottom of the list** – do **NOT** select BA in Economics) to the Economics Department (LT 909). *Allow at least 1 day for processing.*

Semester in which you entered Binghamton University \_\_\_\_\_

Your GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (GPA must be 2.0 or better to declare the economics major, 3.0 to declare the minor)

Credits COMPLETED (include transfer credits): \_\_\_\_\_ (Minors must have 60 credits COMPLETED)

### ALL students will initially declare the BA or the minor.

Grade(s) in: Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 160) \_\_\_\_\_ taken at \_\_\_\_\_

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 162) \_\_\_\_\_ taken at \_\_\_\_\_

- If both grades are C or better: **You can declare the BA or minor in economics**
- If you have completed one course with a C or better and are currently enrolled in the other course: **You can PRE-declare (see next page) the BA (not the minor) in economics**
- **Otherwise you cannot declare the BA or minor in economics at this time.**

To declare any of the three **BS majors**, you also need grades of **B- or better in statistics and calculus.**

The following rules apply:

- AP scores of 5, 4 and 3 are accepted as equivalent to grades of A, B and C respectively.
- Transfer courses from a 4-year school are accepted as equivalent if preapproved.
- Transfer courses from a 2-year school are accepted if taken before attending BU.

To declare ANY BS degree you must **FIRST** declare the BA. If you are eligible to declare the BS complete the **Change of Major** form found on the Economics Undergraduate webpage and return it to the Economics Department so that your statistics and calculus grades can be verified.

For staff use only:

Check # of attempts:

360

362

stat

calc

## (B) DECLARATION OF MAJOR/MINOR

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ B# \_\_\_\_\_

Binghamton E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_@binghamton.edu

School (Harpur, SOM, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to  **DECLARE**  **PRE-declare (see next page)**  the BA in Economics (322)  
 the Minor in Economics (22)

I understand that:

- I may be dropped from the major/minor if ANY of the information provided by me above is found to be substantially false.
- A minimum grade of C is required for any course to be applied toward the major/minor.
- I am allowed a maximum of **2 attempts** in **any course** (including any combination of statistics or calculus courses) in the major to achieve a grade of C or better, and that failure to do so in a required course is cause to be dropped from the major.
- It is my responsibility to make the Economics Department aware of any changes in the above information.
- **I am responsible for all information sent to my Binghamton e-mail account.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For staff use only:

Grades:

_____ BS with a specialization in financial economics (522)	Date: _____	Stat: _____	_____ Entered in Banner
_____ BS with a specialization in economic policy analysis (622)	Date: _____	Calc: _____	_____ Entered in database
_____ BS with a specialization in economic analysis (922)	Date: _____		_____ Entered in listserv

## Useful information for Economics Majors and Minors

### Declaring the Economics Major/Minor:

- Fill out the form above completely and accurately. Be sure to sign and date the form.
- Attach a copy of the “What if” DARS for Interest in Economics – **NOT** for the BA in Economics. (This DARS is at the *bottom of the list*. See [instructions](#) for help in running the DARS).
- Minors must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and have completed 60 credits, per Harpur College regulations.
- Bring BOTH forms to the Economics Department – LT 909 (use the white mailbox after hours).

Once you have delivered both forms to the Economics Department, your major/minor will be processed, forwarded and entered into the BU Brain. You will receive an automated e-mail when this is official, but you should allow up to one full business day for the major/minor to appear in the registration system and provide you access to courses that are restricted to majors and/or minors only.

### When should you see an Economics advisor?

Students must see an Economics Advisor for all of the following:

- An economics transfer course taken BEFORE attending Binghamton is not counting toward the major on the DARS. Before coming to the Department please refer to the [Transfer Guidelines](#).
- Pre-approval of ALL courses for the major if they are to be taken elsewhere BEFORE taking the course. Again, please refer to the [Transfer Guidelines](#).
- Any time you have questions about the major/minor, your courses, your schedule, or anything related to the major/minor.

### The econ-major listserv

You will also be added to the Economics Department’s undergraduate listserv. This means that you will begin to receive many timely and important reminders from the department that are sent to your BU e-mail account. YOU are responsible for all information sent to you at that account, which is the only OFFICIAL means of communication with you. Failure to read your BU e-mail does not mean you cannot be held responsible for information that was sent. **NOTE:** Be aware that some internet based mail servers view e-mails sent to listservs as spam. However, even if your spam filter blocks it, you are still responsible for information contained in e-mail sent by the University.

### What does “pre-declaring” mean?

You can declare the economics major ONLY after you have passed **both** ECON 160 and 162 with a C or better. However, we accept pre-declarations from students who have passed one course and are currently enrolled in the other. Upon successful completion of the second, and after the official grades have been posted, we will then declare the economics major for you. Minors may not pre-declare.

Note that even if you pre-declare the economics major, you will NOT be able to enroll in courses that are only open to economics majors/minors during the advance registration period. However, you will be able to enroll in these courses as an economics major/minor early during the registration at the start of the semester in which these courses are offered.

“Pre-declaring” saves you the hassle of filling out the declaration of major form before classes start and waiting for the major to be processed before you can register for restricted courses.

### When to take which course?

Please refer to the [suggested course sequence](#) for each of the four majors. You should be aware that, after the introductory principles courses (ECON 160 and 162), the most important courses for completing the major on time are calculus, microeconomic theory (ECON 360), and statistics.

- NOTE:**
- Calculus is a prerequisite for ECON 360
  - ECON 360 is a prerequisite for MOST 400-level courses.
  - ECON 366, Statistical Methods (or its approved equivalents – MATH 147, MATH 148, MATH 448 or CQS 112) is a prerequisite for ALL 400-level courses.