

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT DECLARATION OF MAJOR 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 3 business days for processing.*

Semester in which you entered Binghamton University _____

Your GPA: _____ (Your GPA must be 2.0 or better to declare the economics major)

ALL students will initially declare the BA.

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 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 in economics
- **Otherwise you cannot declare the BA 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 grades from a 4-year school are accepted as equivalent.
- Transfer grades from a 2-year school must be A- or better and 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 for # of attempts:

360

362

stat

calc

(B) DECLARATION OF MAJOR FORM

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____ B# _____

Binghamton E-mail Address _____@binghamton.edu

School (Harpur, SOM, etc.) _____

I wish to **DECLARE** predeclare (see next page) the BA in Economics (322)

I understand that:

- I may be dropped from the major 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.
- 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:

_____ BS with a specialization in financial economics (522)	Date: _____	Stat: _____	_____ Faxed to Registrar
_____ 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

Declaring the Economics Major:

- 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 option is available on the BU Brain *bottom of the list* or see [instructions](#)).
- 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 will be processed, forwarded and entered into the University’s computer database. You should allow at least three business days for the major to appear in the registration system and allow you access to courses that are restricted to “Economics Majors 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 economics courses to be taken elsewhere BEFORE taking the course. Again, please refer to the [Transfer Guidelines](#).
- Any time you have questions about the major, your courses, your schedule, or anything related to the major.

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. If you currently prefer to use a different web browser to read your e-mail you can arrange for mail to be forwarded from your BU account. However this is NOT recommended, as many internet based mail servers (such as hotmail, gmail, etc. and sometimes even AOL) view e-mails sent to listservs by various university offices as spam. 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.

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 during the advanced registration period. However, you will be able to enroll in these courses as an economics major 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 and Microeconomic Theory (ECON 360).

- 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.