

Declaring Economics as a Major

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Click on Undergraduate and refer to the links to the right.*

All students will initially declare the **BA in Economics** as their major:

1. Complete and SIGN the “[Declaration of Major Form](#)”.
2. Print and attach a copy of a “[What if' DARS](#)”, selecting:
 - “UG Harpur” for the school
 - “**Interest in Economics**” for the major (near the bottom of the list). ***Do NOT select “BA in Economics”!***
3. Bring the “Declaration of Major Form” and the “What If” DARS to the Economics Department (use the white mailbox outside LT 909 if offices are closed).

Although every attempt is made to process major declarations as fast as possible, it can take a minimum of three business days since forms must be approved and forwarded to other offices. Please check the BU Brain to see if the major has been entered.

To be eligible to declare a **BA major** in economics a student must:

- Complete both Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics with grades of C or better – **AND**
- Students may take these two courses a maximum of two times before declaring the major. Students who have not received the required grades after two attempts will **NOT** be allowed to become economics majors.

ALL students will initially declare the BA. Thereafter, with acceptable grades (see below) in statistics and calculus, they may opt to switch to any of the three BS majors.

To declare any of the three **BS majors** in economic students must:

- Meet all the requirements for declaring the BA (above) – **AND**
- Achieve grades of B- or better in both ECON 366, or its approved equivalent, and MATH 220 or 221. They may then declare or change their major to any of the BS degrees.

BA students who wish to switch to the BS ***and*** who have met the requirements should complete the [Change of Major Form](#), following the instructions at the top of the form. It is not necessary to see an advisor to change the major once it has been declared.

No course for the major may be taken more than twice. This means that any student who has declared the major and subsequently fails to achieve a grade of C or better in any required course, **or its equivalent**, will be dropped from the major.

Guidelines for transfer courses (especially statistics and calculus) as they apply to the major can be found [here](#).

Students who want to major in economics are urged to complete the required courses for the declaration early in their undergraduate career, and to declare the major as soon as they are eligible. Many economics courses are restricted to “declared economics majors only” and only economics majors are eligible to register for them.