

# Declaring Economics as a Minor

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

- Have 60 credits **completed**. The University does not count courses in progress toward the 60 credit total.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Grades of C or better in both ECON 160, Principles of Microeconomics, and 162, Principles of Macroeconomics
- 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.

Students meeting the requirements above may declare the **minor in economics**:

1. Complete and SIGN the “[Declaration of Major/Minor 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).
3. Bring the “Declaration of Major/Minor Form” and the “What If” DARS to the Economics Department (use the white mailbox outside LT 909 if offices are closed).

**Newly declared minors normally appear in the BU Brain within one business day, often within five minutes. You will receive an automated e-mail as soon as your major is official.**

The minor requires a total of seven courses. To meet Harpur requirements, at least **four** of the courses in the minor must be **in addition** to those counted toward the student’s major.

Students who have more than three of the required minor courses already counting toward their major will need to substitute additional economics electives and obtain DARS exceptions.

**NOTE:** Some economics electives may be restricted and not open to minors. It may be difficult to find seats in electives except during summer and winter session.

**No course for the minor may be taken more than twice.** This means that any student who has declared the minor 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) can be found [here](#).