

State University of New York

The Economics Department offers four undergraduate degrees: the **BA in Economics**, the **BS with a Specialization in Economic Analysis**, the **BS with a Specialization in Financial Economics**, and the **BS with a Specialization in Economic Policy Analysis**.

Most students will initially declare the BA. Thereafter, with acceptable grades (see #4 below) in statistics and calculus, they may opt to switch to any of the three BS majors.

1) SIX CORE COURSES – Required for all Economics majors

<u>Binghamton University Course</u>	<u>Required Grade</u>	<u>AP Equivalent</u>
ECON 160 - Principles of Microeconomics	C or better	Score of 3 or better
ECON 162 - Principles of Macroeconomics	C or better	Score of 3 or better
ECON 360 - Microeconomic Theory	C or better	None
ECON 362 - Macroeconomic Theory	C or better	None
ECON 366 - Statistical Methods (MATH 147 and CQS 112 are also allowed)	4-Year Schools: C or better for BA 2-Year Schools: * See below	Score of 3 or better for the BA; Score of 4 or better for any BS degree
MATH 220 - Calculus for Management <i>or</i> MATH 221 - Calculus I	4-Year Schools: C or better for BA 2-Year Schools: * See below	Score of 3 or better for the BA; Score of 4 or better for any BS degree

*** This course will be accepted in transfer toward the economics major ONLY IF the following conditions have been met:**

- The course was completed with a grade of A- or better **AND**
- The course was taken PRIOR to matriculating at Binghamton

After matriculating at Binghamton, this course may be taken elsewhere ONLY with the written permission of the Economics Department Director of Undergraduate Studies.

2) FINANCIAL ANALYSIS SKILLS – Required for the BS with a Specialization in Financial Economics

<u>Binghamton University Course</u>	<u>Required Grade</u>	<u>AP Equivalent</u>
ACCT 211 – Financial Accounting	C or better	None
FIN 311 – Financial Management	C or better	None

Additional courses taken at schools other than Binghamton University may be accepted in transfer if approved by the Economics Department Director of Undergraduate Studies.

3) 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.

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.

4) TO DECLARE ANY OF THE THREE BS MAJORS IN ECONOMICS A STUDENT MUST:

- Meet all the requirements for declaring the BA (see #3 above)
- AND**
- Achieve grades of B- or better in both ECON 366, or its approved equivalent, and MATH 220 or 221. The student may then declare (or change their major to) any of the BS degrees. *Community college transfer students should note that these requirements may be met before enrolling at Binghamton if a student obtains a grade of A- in the appropriate course.*

No course for any of the four economics major tracks 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.

5) ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- Students pursuing the BA in Economics: At least five of the 11 total courses, including two at the 400 level, must be taken at Binghamton.
- Students pursuing any of the BS tracks in Economics: At least eight of the 16 required courses and six courses in economics (ECON), including two at the 400 level, must be taken at Binghamton.

6) GENERAL EDUCATION AND HARPUR COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Refer to the information and checklists at the General Education website: <http://gened.binghamton.edu/>
2. For information regarding specific Harpur College requirements, including the 'Writing Requirement', please review the information at <http://harpur-advising.binghamton.edu/current/harpur.html>
3. While completing the Economics major you will automatically earn the following:
 - Social Science (N)
 - Mathematics (M)
4. General Education requirements not fulfilled by the Economics major should be taken before transferring to Binghamton.

If you have any questions about any of the Economics major tracks, please contact:

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PLEASE NOTE: This transfer guide outlines a plan of study that allows for efficient completion of the bachelor's degree program with full recognition of transfer credit equivalencies. Admission to Binghamton University is very competitive and satisfactory completion of equivalent courses or an Associates degree is not a guarantee of admission.