Placement in Econ 101 (Introductory Economics)

*first semester first-year students*: Placement prerequisite is doing sufficiently well on the online mathematics placement examination to be eligible to take MATH 131 (Calculus I) or better OR having received advanced placement credit for MATH 131. 

Experience has shown that freshmen who do not place in MATH 131, do not do well in Econ 101 if they take it in the Fall.

*any other semester*: no prerequisite but recommended completion of QLIT 101, if required based on-line mathematics placement

Things to Think about when Advising
Preparation for an alternate major if retaking Econ 101

If your advisee does not earn a B- in Econ 101, he/she may retake it but must earn a B to have the course count towards the major. Only one re-take is permitted. Student who are retaking should be thinking about a possible alternate major, just in case they do not earn the B when retaking. Not receiving the B- on the first take might signal that this is not the right major for the student’s talents and it might signal difficulty with future economics courses, especially Econ 301 (Intermediate Micro) and Econ 302 (Intermediate Macro), which both have C+ as minimum grades.

Preparation for declaring an Economics major (handout)

The front of the handout shows the requirements for completing the BA and the BS. First Year Advisors only have to worry about the requirements for declaring the major, which are on the reverse side. The requirements for declaring are:

Econ 101, statistics, a 200 level elective, be in or having taken Econ 301(Intermediate Micro) or Econ 302 (Intermediate Macro)

Advisors might want to duplicate handout and distribute to students in their seminar who are considering Economics as a major.

Preparation for course registration

Courses fill-up fast, so students should be ready to register when registration opens, including taking advantage of being able to put themselves on two wait-lists. (All holds should be lifted)

Advisors should feel free to call Economics Department faculty with questions. Diane Zannoni will be signing in majors this year.