

Some Tips for Advising Students Interested in the Economics Major

Placement in Econ 101 (Introductory Economics)

- For first semester first-year students: To take Econ 101 in the first semester of the first year at Trinity a student must do sufficiently well on the online mathematics placement examination to be eligible to take MATH 131 (Calculus I) or better OR must have received advanced placement credit for MATH 131. Experience has shown us that first year students who do not place in MATH 131 and take Econ 101 in the Fall, do not do well in the course.
- For students in any other semester: There is no prerequisite to take Econ 101 but it is recommended that a student complete QLIT 101 before taking Econ 101, if QLIT is required based the on-line mathematics placement examination.

Preparation for an alternate major if retaking Econ 101

- If your advisee does not earn a B- in Econ 101, they may retake it but they must earn a B in order to have the course count towards the major. Only one re-take is permitted. Students who are retaking 101 should be thinking about a possible alternate major, just in case they do not earn the B. 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 course registration

- Courses fill up fast, so students should be ready to register when registration opens and should take advantage of wait lists.
- Advisors should feel free to call Economics Department faculty with questions. Diane Zannoni will be signing in majors.

Preparation for declaring an Economics Major

Students must declare the major no later than the Friday after spring break of their sophomore year (fourth semester at Trinity). This deadline applies to students declaring economics as their first or second major. At, or before, this time students must:

- have satisfactorily completed (i.e., with a grade of B- or better; with a grade of B or better if retaking) Economics 101;

- have satisfactorily completed (i.e., with a grade of C- or better) a 200-level elective course other than Economics 218 (or, if already in their fourth semester of study, be currently enrolled in a 200-level elective course); and
- have satisfactorily completed (i.e., with a grade of C+ or better; with a grade of B- or better if retaking) Econ 301 or Econ 302 (or be currently enrolled in 301 or 302).

Please also note that if a student does not meet the minimum grade requirement for the major in Econ 101, 301 or 302, the student may retake the course only once (as noted above for Econ 101). If retaking the course, students must earn a B in Economics 101 and a B- in Economics 301 and 302. A student must also earn a C+ in Economics 218 (Introduction to Statistics) or Math 207 to count the course towards the major.

An Advising Guide, a grid with the requirements for the BA and BS degree in Economics and the Interdisciplinary Computing with economics and computing major, is found on the next page. Please do not hesitate to contact Carol Clark or Diane Zannoni if you have any questions.

Advising Guide for the Economics Major

Date:

Advisor: Professor

Name:

Class of

Student ID #

Degree Option:

Phone:

COURSES COMPLETED FOR THE ECONOMICS MAJOR

Please update this form each semester.

	Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor of Science	Interdisc. Computing Econ & Comp.	Semester Completed	Instructor	Grade
Econ 101 (B- grade)*						
Econ 218 / Math 207 (C+ grade)						
Econ 301 (C+ grade)*						
Econ 302 (C+ grade)*						
Math 131**						
One 200-level course (in addition to Econ 218)						
One any level						
Econ 312		must complete any <u>two</u> of these four courses				
Econ 318						
Econ 328						
Course with Econ 312 or Econ 318 Prerequisite						
300-level courses	1)	1)	1)			
	2)	2)				
	3)	3)				
(Or Econ 498)	4)	4)				
Econ 431 (or Econ 499)						
Total	11 courses	13 courses	8 courses ***			

* a B- must be earned if 301 or 302 is retaken; a B must be earned if 101 is retaken

** or any course with a Math 131 prerequisite

*** in addition to requirements in Computer Science and Mathematics

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