

Department of Economics Study Abroad Worksheet

Many Economics majors participate in the College's Study Abroad Program. If you are interested in studying abroad, it is a good idea to start thinking about your course selections early. Discuss your interests with your faculty advisor so that you can develop a plan to complete the major. Study abroad is a wonderful opportunity for Holy Cross students, so don't miss out because of lack of planning!

See the Department web page for more information:

<http://www.holycross.edu/departments/economics/website/index.html>

Important reminders:

1. Calculus - Take it early!

Economics majors must complete the equivalent of a year of calculus before they may enroll in the intermediate Micro and Macro theory courses. Economics majors are strongly encouraged to complete the calculus requirement during their first year at Holy Cross. Students completing calculus as sophomores will find it difficult to study abroad since so many of the required courses will need to be taken after they return to campus senior year.

2. Intermediate Theory - Best to complete it before going abroad

Since students must take at least three upper level electives requiring intermediate theory courses as pre-requisites, we strongly recommend taking both ECON 255 - Microeconomics and ECON 256 - Macroeconomics before going abroad. If only one theory course can be taken, we recommend taking Microeconomics as it is the sole pre-requisite for several upper level electives.

3. Credit for Courses Abroad/Away - Limited to 2 courses

Economics majors studying abroad may receive major credit for no more than two courses taken while abroad or away. These courses may include economic principles, statistics, lower level electives or upper level electives as long as the courses are commensurate with our offerings and are pre-approved by the Department Study Abroad Coordinator or Department Chair. Students may not take intermediate theory courses at other institutions. Our review of course offerings at international institutions suggests that they typically offer courses that we would consider to be lower level economics electives. We encourage students to take courses that relate to the area in which they are studying - e.g., economics of the European Union for those studying in Europe. Additional economics electives taken abroad may count for College credit but will not advance the student's standing in the major. Remember the maximum

number of ECON courses that can be taken is 14 for single major students and 10 for students with a double major.

4. Summer School Options - Limited to certain courses

Many Economics majors will consider taking a summer school course prior to the study abroad year. It is important to realize that we do not permit students to take intermediate economics courses in the summer. We permit students to take Statistics in summer school as long as the course is pre-approved by the Department Chair and includes coverage of the standard statistics curriculum and regression analysis. Keep in mind that students must complete 7 of their 9 economics requirements at Holy Cross. (This policy does not apply to transfer students.)

5. Course Sequence Senior Year - Don't leave too many courses!

Students returning from study abroad often have many Economics major requirements left to complete during their final year. If you have not taken Microeconomics (ECON 255) prior to senior year, then you will not be able to take any upper level electives until spring of your senior year.

Overview of the Economics Major

Economics Major Requirements	Plan to complete (List semester)
Calculus - Math 125/126 or Math 131/132 or Math 136	
ECON 111 - Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 112 - Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 255 - Microeconomics	
ECON 256 - Macroeconomics	
ECON 249 - Statistics	
Electives - Lower level elective	
Upper Level elective -	
Upper level elective -	
Upper level elective -	
Additional courses beyond major requirements	

Please refer to the College Catalog or the Department web page for more information. Note that there may be other issues for students who have used AP credits to fulfill some of the major requirements. Please consult with your faculty advisor if you have special circumstances. Courses taught by the Accounting faculty do not count toward the Economics major requirements.

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