

I am delighted to know that you have decided to join our master's program this Fall. While looking forward to seeing you I would like to point out a course offering in the summer that may be of interest to you.

CAS EC505 (Elementary Mathematical Economics) is a master's elective course taken by over 70% of our master's students each year. It provides many of the mathematical tools needed for the core courses (EC501 Microeconomics, 502 Macroeconomics, 507 Statistics and 508 Econometrics), especially when they have not been part of your undergraduate preparation.

Many students in the past have felt that this course would be even more beneficial if it were taken prior to the core courses. In response, the Boston University Summer Term has made it possible for you to take CAS EC505 in an intensive format from August 3 through August 21, with the same number of hours of instruction and course content as it would have in a normal semester. Since our master's program is analytically very rigorous, some of you may have been advised to take some extra mathematics before joining the program. In that case, taking CAS EC505 in the summer will allow you to prepare yourself mathematically, and at the same time earn course credits that can be used towards your degree.

Since you will not officially enroll in the master's program until the Fall semester starts in September, you will first register as a Non-degree Student in the second Summer Term. Once you have passed the course and you are enrolled in the program, your full credits for CAS EC505 can be transferred into your degree program. However, this procedure does mean that the tuition for CAS EC505 in the summer (\$2060) will not be covered by your master's tuition, and that you will need an extra month of housing in August. In consolation, I can point out that coming to Boston a month earlier will allow you to avoid the housing crunch in September and may in fact give you some advantage in the rental market.

If you have further questions, please write to Ms. Karen Rodi<econma@bu.edu>. For the course listing, tuition, and registration, please proceed directly to the web site of the Boston University Summer Term, at:
<http://www.bu.edu/summer/courses/economics.shtml>

Yours sincerely,

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