

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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## DEPARTMENTAL HONORS IN ECONOMICS

To graduate with distinction, students must complete a thesis, which will be presented to a committee of three economics faculty in late April. The committee will consider both the thesis and the result of the oral examination to determine whether the student will receive honors. A grade of B+ or better in both EC401 and EC402 is also required to receive honors, in addition to a GPA of 3.5 or better in economics classes (including required mathematics and statistics classes).

Writing an honors thesis provides an opportunity for seniors in the College of Arts and Sciences to conduct in-depth research in their major. It is the most stimulating intellectual enterprise in which an undergraduate can engage, demanding dedication and the ability to exercise independent judgment. The thesis project is designed for seniors to work on a two-semester project while on campus during their final two semesters. Both the faculty advisor and student have to be on campus while working on the project.

### Application Guidelines & Instructions

Please complete the attached application for Departmental Honors in Economics in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies (Professor Todd Idson) and the Faculty Project Advisor. You must choose a faculty advisor who is a full-time CAS faculty member. The materials to be included in your application are listed on the second page of the application. All must be forwarded to the Faculty Advisor who, after approval, will forward the application and materials to the Director.

#### **Deadlines to submit applications for the Departmental Honors project beginning:**

<b>FALL</b>	<b>May 1st*</b>
<b>SPRING</b>	<b>November 1st*</b>

\*If you need an extension, please contact Professor Idson before the deadline.  
Applications **MUST** be processed by *the last day to add courses* of the semester you begin the project.

Each applicant will be notified of acceptance or rejection by email. If accepted into the program, the Academic Advisor (Peggy Lau) will add the appropriate courses (EC401, EC402) to the student's schedule.

## **Application for Departmental Honors in Economics**

***To be completed by the Student:***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

BU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA in Economics Classes (including required Math and Stats courses): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Check List**

***Please include the following materials with your application:***

- ☐ Provide a brief description of your intended project. Outline the significance of the proposed work, the method of investigation that will be employed, and the ways the result of the investigation will be analyzed.
- ☐ Include a bibliography of readings that are relevant to your work.
- ☐ Explain how this project fits in with your academic and career goals.
- ☐ Attach an unofficial copy of your BU transcript.

***To be completed by the Faculty Project Advisor:***

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

Please evaluate the applicant's aptitude for independent research according to the criteria listed below. Please add any applicable comments.

	Exceptional	Good	Fair	Poor	Unable to judge
Native intellectual ability					
Breadth of knowledge in subject					
Written communication skills					
Ability to work independently					
Level of initiative					
Level of motivation					

Comments:

*I have reviewed the student's proposal and recommend that it be accepted as an Honors Thesis Project.*

Faculty Project Advisor (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Project Advisor (SIGNATURE): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***To be completed by the Director of Undergraduate Studies:***

Director of Undergraduate Studies (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Undergraduate Studies (SIGNATURE): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

