



November 21, 2025

W. Randy Smith
Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Office of Academic Affairs
The Ohio State University

Subject: Request for Update to Degree Audit Language for the Economics Major

Dear Vice Provost Smith,

I am writing to request an update to the degree audit requirements for the Economics major. The current audit specifies that students must complete **6 credit hours of ECON 5000-level electives, of which 3 credit hours must be chosen from ECON 5850, 5860, or 5870.**

Since this requirement was originally approved, the Department of Economics has expanded the number and breadth of its 5000-level elective offerings. In addition, **ECON 5870 is no longer offered**, so the existing restriction no longer reflects our curriculum or advising practices.

To ensure clarity and alignment with current offerings, we propose updating the requirement so that students must complete **6 credit hours of any ECON 5000-level elective.** This maintains the total credit hours required for the major while accurately representing the range of upper-division opportunities available to students.

Attached are:

1. **The current advising sheet** for the Economics major.
2. **The revised advising sheet** reflecting the updated elective requirement.

We are submitting this update as an informational item for review by the ASC Curriculum Committee and, subsequently, by the Council on Academic Affairs, so that the University's official record and the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) can be updated accordingly.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Bachelor of Arts Major: Economics

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Foundations: Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning/Data Analysis	Math 1130 or 1148 or higher	3-5
Foundations: Literary, Visual and Performing Arts		3
Foundations: Historical & Cultural Studies		3
Foundations: Natural Sciences		4-5
Foundations: Social & Behavioral Sciences	Rec. Econ 2001.xx	3
Foundations: Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity		3
Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse & Just World*		4-6
Theme: Student Choice ¹		4-6
GE Reflection	AcadAff 4001	1
General Education Credit Hours:		32-39

College Requirements		
Requirement	Course Options	Hours
University Survey	ASC 1100.xx(H)	1
World Language Foundation	1101-1103 in any language or equivalent proficiency²	0-12
Credit Hours:		1-13

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Math 1130 or 1148 or higher	College Algebra	3-4
Stat 1450 OR Econ 3400 or higher Stat	Statistics or Data Analysis	3-4
Econ 2001.xx(H)	Principles of Microeconomics	3
Credit Hours:		9-11

Major Coursework		
Course	Title	Hours
Major Coursework - Core		
Econ 2002.xx(H)	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Econ 4001.xx(H)	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	3
Econ 4002.xx(H)	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	3
Econ 4400	Elementary Econometrics ⁴	3
Major Coursework - Writing		
Econ 2367.xx OR 5130 OR 5140	Advanced Writing⁵	3-4
Major Coursework - Electives		
Econ 3xxx or higher ⁶		3
Econ 3xxx or higher ⁶		3
Econ 3xxx or higher ⁶		3
Econ 5850 OR 5860 OR 5870	Advanced Elective⁷	3
Econ 5xxx or higher	Advanced Elective	3-4
Credit Hours:		30-32

Open Electives		
Credit Hours:		22-46

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College Requirements	1-13
Major Pre-requisites/Co-requisites	9-11
Major Coursework	30-32
Open Electives	22-49
Total Credit Hours	Min. 121

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Foundations: Literary, Visual and Performing Arts		3
Foundations: Historical & Cultural Studies		3
Foundations: Natural Sciences		4-5
Foundations: Social & Behavioral Sciences	Rec. Econ 2001.xx	3
Foundations: Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity		3
Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse & Just World*		4-6
Theme: Student Choice ¹		4-6
GE Reflection	AcadAff 4001	1
General Education Credit Hours:		32-39

College Requirements		
Requirement	Course Options	Hours
University Survey	ASC 1100.xx(H)	1
World Language Foundation	1101-1103 in any language or equivalent proficiency²	0-12
Credit Hours:		1-13

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Math 1151 OR 1141 OR 1181H OR 4181H	Calculus I	4-5
Stat 2450	Introduction to Statistical Analysis I	3
Econ 2001.xx(H)	Principles of Microeconomics	3
Credit Hours:		10-11

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Major Coursework - Core		
Econ 2002.xx(H)	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
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Econ 4002.02 or 03	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	3
Econ 5410	Econometrics I⁴	3
Econ 5420	Econometrics II⁴	3
Major Coursework - Writing		
Econ 2367.xx OR 5130 OR 5140	Advanced Writing⁵	3-4
Major Coursework - Electives		
Econ 3xxx or higher ⁶		3
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Econ 3xxx or higher ⁶		3
Econ 5850 OR 5860 OR 5870	Advanced Elective⁷	3
Econ 5xxx or higher	Advanced Elective	3-4
Credit Hours:		33-35

Open Electives	
Credit Hours:	23-45

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- Students must complete a total of 39 upper division hours. Upper-division courses are defined as all Arts and Sciences courses at the 3000-level or above, Philosophy 2500, all courses taught by departments in mathematical and physical sciences (Astronomy, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science and Engineering, Earth Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics) at the 2000-level and above (except for courses numbered 2194), and world language courses taught in the language at the 2000-level.
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Foundations: Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning/Data Analysis	Math 1130 or 1148 or higher	3-5
Foundations: Literary, Visual and Performing Arts		3
Foundations: Historical & Cultural Studies		3
Foundations: Natural Sciences		4-5
Foundations: Social & Behavioral Sciences	Rec. Econ 2001.xx	3
Foundations: Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity		3
Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse & Just World*		4-6
Theme: Student Choice ¹		4-6
GE Reflection		1
General Education Credit Hours:		32-39

College Requirements		
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University Survey	ASC 1100.xx(H)	1
World Language Foundation	1101-1103 in any language or equivalent proficiency²	0-12
Credit Hours:		1-13

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