

THE MINOR IN ECONOMICS at Georgia Tech

The school of Economics offers a minor in economics for students in all disciplines at Georgia Tech. The minor program provides a general acquaintance with economics thought and is especially valuable for students considering graduate work in law or business administration. It should also be attractive to students who wish to broaden their education and to understand the forces that shape the modern world.

Unlike the certificate which provides a general understanding, the recommended study plan for the minor focuses on practical application through statistical estimation providing the student with a stronger foundation for professional use of the knowledge gained.

Requirements for the minor

The minor requires a minimum of 15 semester hours in Economics. You must complete at least 9 of the 15 semester hours with advanced upper level courses (numbered 3000 or above). You must complete all courses counting toward the minor on a letter-grade basis and with an overall grade point average of at least 2.0. You may also use courses to fulfill elective requirements (free electives, technical electives, etc.) as approved by your major school.

Some Limitations

You may not use courses required by name and number in your major degree program toward the minor. You may not use more than 4 semester hours of Special Topics courses in a minor program. You may not use Special Problem courses in a minor program. You may have no more than two minors. You may not apply courses used to satisfy Core Areas A through E towards your minor.

The Procedure

You may select a minor in Economics in consultation with your advisor in your major field. You should then contact the Assistant Director for Academic Programs for the School of Economics. Together, you and the Assistant Director should verify your course of study for the minor. You may choose a pre-approved Minor plan or develop a customized Minor plan.

If you choose a customized Minor plan, you should complete the APPLICATION TO JOIN THE Minor PROGRAM IN ECONOMICS: Customized Minor Plan contained in this packet and seek approval for your plan by the Assistant Director for Academic Programs for the School of Economics prior to taking any classes.

At least two semesters before you graduate, you must submit an Add minor form to the Registrar's Office after getting it signed by the Assistant Director for Academic Programs for the School of Economics and your major school advisor.

When you petition for a degree you will complete a plan of study for a minor and have it approved by the Assistant Director of Academic Programs for the School of Economics. You will submit the plan of study for the minor and the petition for the major degree to the Registrar once reviewed and approved by the major school.

The Registrar will confer the minor at the same time the degree and record both the degree and minor on the student's transcript. Your diploma will not mention your minor.

PRE-APPROVED MINOR PLAN

Required Courses

The Assistant Director for Academic Programs for the School of Economics has pre-approved the following classes to complete a minor:

ECON 2106 Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 3110 Advanced Microeconomics

ECON 3161 Econometrics

Two Economics courses of the 3000+ level to complete an industry or academic focus from the following selections

Suggested Industry Focuses

Banking

ECON 4060 Money and Capital Markets

ECON 4340 Industrial Organization

Energy

ECON 4813 Energy Economics

ECON 4340 Industrial Organization

Health Economics

ECON 4510: Health Economics an

ECON 4340: Industrial Organization

Labor Economics

ECON 4232: Labor Economics

ECON 4340: Industrial Organization

Suggested Academic Focuses

Environmental Economics

The study of how decisions by households and firms impact the environment and the estimation of that impact on social welfare. Used in environmental lawsuits and design of government regulation.

ECON 4440 Economics of the Environment

ECON4421 Urban and Regional Economics

Industrial Organization

The study of how firms interact in a market and the estimation of that interaction on market power and social welfare. Primarily used in by government and firms in anti-trust lawsuits and by firms for pricing strategy.

ECON 4340: Industrial Organization

ECON 4360: Network Economics

International Economics

The study of how government and social institutions affect international trade amongst nations and the estimation of the impact of those institutions on the level of international trade. Primarily used by government to establish policy and large firms to establish trade strategy.

ECON 4350: International Economics

ECON 4355: Global Financial Economics

Developing Economies

The study of the impact of various social and government institutions at the local, national, and international level on the rate of growth of markets within nations with lower gross domestic product per capita (income) and the estimation of those institutions on a nation's rate of growth of their gross domestic product. Primarily used by government to establish policy and firms to develop market entry strategy.

ECON 4411: Economic Development

ECON 4813: Security and Conflict in Developing Countries

Globalization

The study of the impact of international institutions on the flow of products, services, and financial assets between countries and the estimation of those institutions on that flow of products services and financial assets. Primarily used by government to establish policy and large firms to establish trade strategy.

ECON 4355: Global Financial Economics

ECON 4311: Global Enterprise

**Use the form on the following page
only if you wish to gain approval for a
customized minor plan.**

APPLICATION TO JOIN THE MINOR PROGRAM IN ECONOMICS

Customized Minor Plan

Last Name	First Name	Student ID	Major
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Summarize your career goals: _____

Minor Specialty Name (ie: Industrial Organization): _____

Course	Course
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Unifying theme of Minor Specialty: _____

Describe how this Minor Specialty applies to your career goals: _____

I approve these courses for the student to use as a Cluster towards a Masters Degree

Assistant Director for Academic Programs