

BA, International Honours

Guide for the Economics Major



COLL 150

Your COLL 150 *does not need* to be in Economics. In fact, it can be advantageous to choose a COLL 150 outside the major so that it can also meet a Knowledge Objective.

Sub-Honours (lower-level) Economics courses

First year students must fulfill the ECON 101/102 major requirement and the statistics requirement through either ECON 307 or MATH 351. We recommend taking one econ course per semester. There are many ways to do this:

- 1) If you do not have pre-matriculation credit for either ECON 101 or 102, then register for ECON 101 in the Fall and ECON 102 and ECON 307 in the Spring.
- 2) If you have pre-matriculation credit for ECON 101, then register for ECON 102 in the Fall and ECON 307 in the Spring.
- 3) If you have pre-matriculation credit for ECON 102, then register for ECON 101 in the Fall and ECON 307 in the Spring.
- 4) If you have pre-matriculation credit for both ECON 101 and 102, then you should take either ECON 303 or another appropriate elective course in the fall and take ECON 307 in the spring.

Honours (upper-level) Economics courses

The upper-level requirements do not have to be taken in any particular order.

All economics courses at W&M above 308 count as 400(0)-level for the purposes of the degree. At W&M, any of the 300-level and 400-level courses can be taken in year 3 or year 4.

Note: Not all upper-level courses in the catalog are offered every year.

Fourth Year Research Requirement

At St Andrews

All Economics majors spending Year 4 at St Andrews must do a dissertation: EC 4498 for one semester or EC 4499 for a full year.

At W&M

Economics majors spending Year 4 at W&M can take any ECON course with a COLL 400 designation (different topics are offered in fall and spring, varying from year to year) *OR* apply to do an Honors Thesis (ECON 495 and 496, 6 credits total). Either option satisfies the Fourth Year Research Requirement. The Honors program at W&M is selective and it is not guaranteed that all students who desire to complete an Honors Thesis will be able to do so.

Students who are interested in completing an Honors Thesis should first consult the Honors Projects in Economics [website](#). Students are encouraged to explore possible research topics for their Honors Thesis during their junior year *at the latest*. The best way to do this is to discuss potential areas of interest or specific topics with individual faculty members. For BA Int Hons/JDP students, earlier discussions with potential faculty advisors and continued contact via email or zoom meetings while away at St Andrews will be critical.

Students will seek out a potential Honors Project advisor during their junior year. This professor will supervise and help guide the project proposal. Together with that faculty mentor, the student will come up with the broad outline of a research topic. We strongly recommend that students and project advisors agree on a topic before summer. During the summer between your junior and senior years, students will read widely about their chosen topic and will prepare a formal honors proposal for the potential advisor to evaluate in August. The proposal should include a detailed discussion of the project's purpose, methods, and a bibliography. Proposals are normally three to five pages in length.