

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Undergraduate Programs		UUPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner Posted _____ Catalog _____
	Department Economics College Business		
Program Name Honors in Economics: [Honors Capstone Research]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Program <input type="checkbox"/> Change Program	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Fall 2020
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment			
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Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Eric Levy / elevy3@fau.edu / 7-4220		Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation Economics	
Approved by		Date	
Department Chair <u>Steven B. Candill</u>		<u>2/7/2020</u>	
College Curriculum Chair <u>Edgar Wilson</u>		<u>2/10/2020</u>	
College Dean <u>Paul Harris</u>		<u>2.10.2020</u>	
UUPC Chair <u>Jerry Haky (via email confirmation)</u>		<u>3-30-20</u>	
Undergraduate Studies Dean <u>Edward Pratt (via email confirmation)</u>		<u>3-31-20</u>	
UFS President _____		_____	
Provost _____		_____	

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Honors in the Major

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Economics

- **Overview**

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- **Honors in Economics: [Honors Capstone Research]**

Requirements for Eligibility and Admission to the Honors in the Major in Economics:

(Program entry is limited to 20 percent of students within the Economics major. Maximum: 16 students)

- Completed Microeconomics and Macroeconomics principles (ECO2023 and ECO2013), Methods of Calculus (MAC2233), and Introductory Statistics (STA2023) with a minimum cumulative GPA in those courses of 3.5.
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a letter of support by a member of the Economics department faculty *****(this would be from a principles instructor)*****
The director will schedule a brief interview before enrolling students into the honors program.

- **Requirements to maintain Eligibility to the Honors in the Major in Economics**
 - Maintain good academic and ethical standing
 - Maintain cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.25 overall

- Maintain cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.5 in all four honors courses.
- If any of the above standards for maintaining eligibility in the program are not met, students will be advised accordingly on how to undertake remedial actions. Students will be required to bring their GPA up to the required 3.5 by the end of the program.

If students are not able to bring their GPA in the four courses back up to a 3.5 or their cumulative GPA falls below 3.25 students will be removed from the honors program but credits will still apply towards their undergraduate degree in economics.

- Students will not be allowed to continue in the honors in the major program for:
 - Violation of the Code of Academic Integrity
 - Any grade of less than less than B in an Honors course

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Honors Level Enrichment:

Honors level enrichment will be provided in the form of extensive mentoring in practical research by departmental faculty or approved departmental affiliated faculty culminating in production of a research project. Honors students will meet regularly with a faculty mentor and a mentor from our to-be-established Advisory Board.

Honors Students will be invited to all faculty seminars and workshops.

Students will have a total of 2 years to complete all requirements for the honors program, after which they will have to meet with the director to discuss their progress.

*Students who have already taken any of the core courses in the honors program in a non- honors course (Intermediate micro, intermediate macro or econometrics) are ineligible for the program.

Honors Capstone Research Outcomes:

- Production of a high-quality report for an external agency or internal use, a research grant application, conference paper, or a journal article.
- Dissemination of research results via a presentation or a poster at a local, regional, national or international research conference/ symposium.

- If the requirements are not met, the student will receive a grade for the course that will count towards her/his degree in Economics but will not receive the Honors Designation.
- Students will be encouraged to seek opportunities for publication/ presentation such as participation in the *Undergraduate Research Symposium*, *Distinction through Discovery* competitions, *FAU Undergraduate Research Journal*, and National Collegiate Honors Society conference, among others.
- All Honors students must complete the Honors Senior Seminar course, which will involve individual supervised research. Students will complete a research paper on a topic of their choosing. At the end of the semester the Honors students will present their research to the class, members of the faculty, and other guests and submit the paper to a journal for consideration to be published.

Invitation to the Economics Department Honors Program

Dear:

Because of your junior/senior-level standing and your exceptional grade-point average, we would like to invite you to enroll in the Department of Economics' *Honors program*, for the Fall 2020 semester. See below for more information about the program.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail, elevy3@fau.edu. To register for the program email elevy3@fau.edu with the attached application. Enrollment in classes is limited and based on a first come, first serve opportunity. The program will fill quickly, and receiving this letter is not a guarantee that you will have be admitted, so I encourage you to apply for the program as soon as possible.

We anticipate that the honors classes will provide stimulating intellectual experiences for everyone, and we hope you decide to register. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Sincerely yours,

Eric Levy
Director of Honors in Economics
Fleming Hall 327
561-297-4040
Elevy3@fau.edu

Application for Upper-division Honors Program in Economics

Z# _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

FAU email: _____ Telephone: _____

Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Major GPA: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Standing: (circle one) Junior Senior Other (Please specify): _____

Number of credits completed: _____

I certify that the information given is complete and accurate.

_____ Date: _____

Signature

Please submit this application to Eric Levy in Fleming Hall 327 or by email to elevy3@fau.edu.

Honors Distinction – Senior Seminar

This research course differs substantially from a non-Honors course in that the focus is on learning about the *research process* in economics. The result of this process will be a publishable or nearly publishable paper.

Honors Distinction added to three other Syllabi:

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