



New Combined Degree Program Request

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Proposed Program: BBA, BS/MS ECON CIP: _____ Effective Date (Term/Year): FALL / 2021 (e.g. Fall/2020)

Proposed Combined Program Information	Undergraduate	Graduate
Degree Level (e.g. B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., etc.)	B.B.A./B.S.	M.S.
Program Name (e.g. Physics, Engineering, etc.)	ECONOMICS	ECONOMICS
College	BUSINESS	BUSINESS
Department	ECONOMICS	ECONOMICS
Program Description (provide a brief description of the program, including thesis or non-thesis option)	This is a combined program with B.B.A. or B.S. in ECON to M.S. in ECON. Students complete the prerequisites while pursuing the bachelor's degree. Up to 9 graduate credits can be counted in both B.B.A. or B.S. and M.S. programs.	

Curriculum Requirements

GPA Requirements: Departments must establish a minimum undergraduate GPA for students to be admitted to a combined program. *Note: Please attach explanation.*
 Cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 at the end of the student's junior year

List courses to be shared: Up to twelve (12) credit hours of graduate courses (5000 level or above course work) may be shared between the graduate and undergraduate degree for a combined program. *Note: Please attach explanation:*

- Academic justification for shared credits and catalog language
- List the undergraduate course that will be replaced by graduate courses.

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For questions, contact the Graduate College at ugpc@fau.edu

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Proposal for Creation of Combined B.B.A. or B.S. in ECON/M.S. ECON
Degree Program

MEMORANDUM

TO: College of Business Graduate Council

FROM: Steven Caudill, Department Chair and Professor

RE: Proposal for Creation of Combined B.B.A. or B.S. in ECON/M.S. ECON Degree Program

DATE: February 3, 2021

This proposal is to create an integrated, five-year, 150 credit-hour program that leads to the combined award of a B.B.A or B.S. in Economics and a M.S. in Economics awarded by the Economics department. The economics combined degree program provides academically talented students an opportunity to complete a bachelor's and a master's degree in a shorter period of time.

I. Advantages of the Combined Degree

- Qualified students can obtain a graduate degree in much less time (e.g. 10 months).
- The cost of both degrees is reduced (e.g. no GMAT or GRE and up to three fewer courses).
- Students' marketability is greatly enhanced; many professions now require a master's degree for entry-level positions.

II. Program Details and Coursework

Students should apply for the program in the spring semester of their junior year, must satisfy all University and College major degree requirements for each academic program, and maintain a cumulative and major GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Students will be awarded each degree separately upon completion of the individual degree requirements. If accepted into the combined program, up to 9 graduate credits can double count for coursework toward requirements for both bachelor's and master's degrees.

Pre-requisite Coursework for Transfer Students: Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the pre-requisite courses for their major as outlined in the *Transfer Student Manual* (see www.fau.edu/registrar/tsm.php).

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All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Junior Year Courses: Pre-requisites to enter the combined program

Students must have a GPA of 3.25 and complete the following courses with a grade of “B” or better.

Semester	Course	Title	Pre-Requisite	Credits
Fall	ECO3101	Intermediate Microeconomics	ECO2013, ECO2023	3
Spring	ECO3203	Intermediate Macroeconomics	ECO2013, ECO2023	3
Spring	ECO4421	Introduction to Econometric Methods	ECO2013, ECO2023, STA2023	3
			Major Courses total	9

Admission requirements include:

- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and a grade of “B” or better on all upper division economics coursework.
- Complete a minimum of 3 credits, and up to 9 credits, of 5000/6000 level coursework during the student’s senior year of undergraduate studies. Graduate coursework must be approved by the department/advisor.
- Apply to the M.S. program by submitting the graduate application and all required admission documents.

Students who successfully complete the first year of the program during their senior year of undergraduate studies are admitted to graduate school in the fall of the second year. The financial aid status of the student changes to graduate at this time. Students who have not maintained the requirements are not automatically admitted to graduate school. These students may apply to graduate school by taking the GMAT/GRE and going through the regular graduate school admission process.

In the event that a student completes the undergraduate degree requirements but is unable to complete the graduate degree requirements, the student will be removed from the combined program and will be awarded only the undergraduate degree.

CATALOG SPECIFICATIONS

Combined Programs

B.B.A. or B.S. in Economics to M.S. ECON Master of Science in Economics Degree Program

The department offers a combined Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics or Bachelor of Science in Economics to Master of Science in Economics program. Students in this combined program may count up to 9 credits of approved graduate coursework (5000 level or higher) toward both their bachelor's degree and master's degree.

1. The student has met the minimum 120 credits for the bachelor's degree; and
2. The student has taken a minimum of 30 credits in 5000 level or higher courses for the master's program.

With the approximate duration of five years, this combined program provides attractive ways for students to continue their graduate work. Students will complete and graduate from their bachelor degree first, and then continue coursework to finish their master degree program.

Pre-requisite Coursework for Transfer Students

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Admission Requirements

The GRE/GMAT requirement is waived for this program. To be eligible for the combined program, the bachelor student in Economics should:

1. Have a cumulative FAU GPA of 3.25 or better at the end of their junior year. Note that the cumulative FAU GPA of at least 3.25 must be maintained until the completion of the bachelor's degree in Economics.
2. Formally apply to the combined program, completing the admissions process at least one semester prior to the beginning of the master's degree portion of their program.

Once admitted to the program, students begin taking graduate courses (5000/6000 level courses) in their senior year that would apply to both the bachelor's and master's degree programs. Students in the combined program must maintain continuous enrollment, in full-time status, during their bachelor's degree to remain in the combined program. Once students are admitted to the master's degree program, they must maintain continuous enrollment to remain in good standing. Students must also meet all of the degree requirements of the graduate program.

Degree Requirements

To be eligible for the combined B.B.A. or B.S. in Economics to M.S. in Economics Degree Program, students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Completion of the requirements for the B.B.A. or B.S. in Economics, and other requirements stipulated by the University or College
2. Completion of all requirements for the M.S. in Economics

See below for crosswalk of shared courses for the combined program.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: College of Business Graduate Council

FROM: Steven Caudill, Department Chair and Professor

RE: Crosswalk of Shared Courses in Combined B.B.A. or B.S. in ECON/M.S. ECON Degree

DATE: March 24, 2021

This memo serves as documentation for the proposal on an integrated, five-year, 150 credit-hour program that leads to the combined award of a B.B.A or B.S. in Economics and a M.S. in Economics awarded by the Economics department.

The following undergraduate course requirements may be replaced with the shown graduate-level courses (a total of 9 credits):

Undergraduate Course Requirements	Graduate Course Substitution
Upper Division Economics Elective (3 credits)	Choose among the following courses: ECO 6115 (Advanced Microeconomics) ECO 6206 (Advanced Macroeconomics) ECO 6403 (Advanced Mathematical Economics)
Upper Division Economics Elective (3 credits)	ECO 6426 (Advanced Econometrics) ECO 6706 (Advanced International Trade) ECO 6709 (Advanced International Development)
Upper Division Economics Elective (3 credits) or Upper Division Business Elective (3 credits)	ECO 6409 (Advanced Game Theory and Applications) ECO 6216 (Advanced Monetary Economics) ECO 6716 (Advanced International Monetary Economics)