

Declaring/Changing a Major, Minor, or Applied Minor

Section A: Policies and Instructions

Declaring a Major:

1. Students are required to file a declaration of major at the Registrar's Office no later than the end of their fourth semester.
2. A late fee of \$25.00 will be charged if the petition is submitted after the deadline.
3. A declared major may be changed at any time up to the add/drop deadline of the student's final semester by submitting a new major declaration form.

Declaring a Minor:

1. Minors are optional programs, you are not required to have a minor to graduate.
2. The deadline for declaring a minor is the 5th day of classes of the spring semester of the senior year.
3. Students must declare their Major Field of concentration before declaring a minor.

Declaring an Applied Minor:

1. Applied minors are optional programs, they are not required for graduation.
2. The deadline for declaring an applied minor is the 5th day of classes of the spring semester of the senior.

Progress towards completion of a major, a minor, and an applied minor will be tracked in DegreeWorks.

Complete Section B below and the relevant program section. Next to each requirement, indicate which semester (e.g. Fall 2023) you have taken or will take that course.

Your form must be signed by the Department/Program and your academic advisor (must be in your field of study for your major).

Section B: Student Information

Student Name _____ ID# _____

Email _____ Date _____

Planned Date of Graduation: May _____ December _____ Year: _____

Select one:

- _____ I wish to declare my primary Major
- _____ I wish to declare a Minor
- _____ I wish to declare a second Major
- _____ I wish to declare an Applied Minor
- _____ I wish to change my Major

Economics

Use this form to declare a major or a minor in [Economics](#).

Declaration/Change of Major

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, you must complete the following courses, in addition to general education requirements:

Economics major

If you plan to concentrate in economics, you must take a minimum of 36 credits. The following courses are required:

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 101	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 103	Introduction to Microeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 120	Fundamentals of Statistics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 301	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 303	Intermediate Microeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 305	Econometrics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 310	History of Economic Thought	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 488	Senior Capstone Thesis	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take four more upper-level economic courses (numbers 300 or above) totaling 12 credits.		12	

Quantitative economics major

Quantitative economics meets the standards of a STEM major and thus confers a three-year period of Optional Practical Training (OPT).

If you plan to concentrate in quantitative economics, you must take a minimum of 38 credits. The following are required:

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 101	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 103	Introduction to Microeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 120	Fundamentals of Statistics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 205	Mathematical Foundations For Economics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 308	Quantitative Intermediate Macroeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 309	Quantitative Intermediate Microeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 305	Econometrics	3	

<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 306	Topics in Microeconomics	2
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 313	Game Theory	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 488	Senior Capstone Thesis	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Take two more upper-level economic courses (numbers 300 or above) totaling six credits.		6

All economic students

You may transfer in only three courses totaling nine credits towards your major.

[ECON 301](#), [ECON 303](#), [ECON 305](#), [ECON 306](#), [ECON 308](#), [ECON 309](#), [ECON 310](#) and [ECON 313](#) must be taken at Earlham—courses may not be transferred in and substituted for these courses. In the event you take any of these courses in your senior year and fail them, you may petition the department to take an equivalent course at another college or university. However, the transfer of these credits must fall within the nine credit constraint stated above.

You must be in residence in your senior year to take [ECON 486](#) and [ECON 488](#). Only if you plan to graduate in less than four years, can you take ECON 486 and ECON 488 during your third year, though you still must meet all the prerequisites.

If you fail ECON 486 in the fall semester, you may petition the department to have a retake of ECON 486 in the spring semester and to do your senior capstone thesis work the following fall semester. The granting of such an arrangement will be made on a case-by-case basis. You may not petition to take ECON 486 for the first time in the spring semester.

Completion of AP Exams or IB A levels in economics do not substitute for the department's introductory courses.

You may earn credit toward the major for courses taken on off-campus study programs, when the courses would count toward the major if they were offered on campus. Because off-campus courses vary a lot in their demands and quality, the department will need to examine the course syllabus after you return from an off-campus program to determine whether the course counts toward the economics major.

Minor/Applied Minor Declaration Form

Declared Major(s) _____

To earn a minor in economics, you must complete the following courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Semester
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 101	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 103	Introduction to Microeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 120	Fundamentals of Statistics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn nine elective credits in economics courses numbered 200 or higher		9	

This student is hereby approved to pursue a major _____ / minor _____
in accordance to the above plans (please enter your full name below).

Academic advisor _____ Date _____

Department/Program Convener _____ Date _____

This completed form must be emailed to registrar@earlham.edu for processing. Your adviser and the Department/Program Convener must be copied on the email.

Registrar _____ Date _____