

## ECO 499 - Independent Study Proposal

### Information and Instructions

***IMPORTANT:  
KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR YOUR REFERENCE.***

ECO 499 - Independent Study is intended to assist students in pursuing a specific knowledge area in economics when no course in that area is currently offered, or when depth beyond the course offerings is desired.

To apply for ECO 499, a student must have minimum 'B' average in his or her Economics courses and have completed the following courses:

ECO 405 – Microeconomic Theory  
ECO 407 – Macroeconomic Theory

The student must have a well formulated project and / or an outline of a course of study.

The student must also have a prior agreement with a particular faculty member who will supervise his or her work. The faculty member must also sign the student application.

A maximum of three (3) units from ECO 499 can be counted toward the major upper level electives.

ECO 499 cannot be counted toward electives for the minor.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:***

ECO 498 – Undergraduate Research is not to be confused with  
ECO 495 – Undergraduate Supervised Teaching (UTA)  
or ECO 499 – Independent Study.

These courses are not interchangeable.

# ECO 499 - Independent Study Proposal

## Information and Instructions

### Directions:

- 1) Please fill out the ECO 499 Independent Study Proposal – Student Application form and return it to the ECO main office (415 Fronczak Hall).
- 2) You must also attach a current copy of your Academic Advisement Report (available via your HUB student center – see below for more info) with your application.
- 3) To be honored, all paperwork must be received before the end of the add/drop period for each semester. Add/drop deadlines may be found on the Registrar’s website.
- 4) If your request is approved, you will be automatically force registered into ECO 499 – Independent Study and will see the update in your class schedule via your HUB student center.

### TO GET YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISING REPORT:

- Using Internet Explorer, go to your HUB Student Center
- Next to your class schedule box there is a drop-down menu
- Select the link for “Academic Requirements”
- Click the “Go” button with the double arrows
- Wait for the report to come up – this could take a couple minutes
- Click “view report as pdf”
- Wait for the pdf to come up – this could take several minutes
- Print the complete report and hand in with this proposal

### NOTES:

- If you are having trouble getting to the PDF version or printing, make sure you are using Internet Explorer.
- If you still have issues, contact HUB Student Support to report the problem and for help.
- If you print the non-PDF version, you MUST expand ALL the categories so your AAR can be properly reviewed.
- Proposals turned in without a complete AAR will not be reviewed.

### **NEED MORE HELP?**

**Contact the Director of Undergraduates: Dr. Peter Morgan**

Call (716) 645-8690 to leave a voicemail message.

Email [pbmorgan@buffalo.edu](mailto:pbmorgan@buffalo.edu)

Stop by 449 Fronczak Hall during open office hours.

**For office hours, contact Economics main office:**

(716) 645-8670

## ECO 499 - Independent Study Proposal

### STUDENT APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION:

Name:(last, first) \_\_\_\_\_

Person #: 

--	--	--	--	--

 - 

--	--	--	--	--

 UB email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ECO GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Term for which you are applying for an Independent Study:      FALL      SPRING      SUMMER      Year: \_\_\_\_\_

ECO 499-TUT 5-Digit Class #: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Units (1 to 6): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervising Faculty Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously done an Independent Study in Economics at UB?       YES       NO

If YES: Term:      FALL      SPRING      SUMMER      Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ ◆  
*Please briefly answer each question below:*

1) What are the purpose and learning objectives of the Independent Study?

ECO 499 – Independent Study Proposal – Student Application

Name: *(last, first)* \_\_\_\_\_

Person #: 

--	--	--	--

 - 

--	--	--	--

2) Describe the work that will be completed including: assignments, readings, textbooks used, and frequency and method of faculty / student interaction.

3) How will the grade be determined?

4) In what way are the current course offerings at the University inadequate to meet the above objectives?

5) If you wish for ECO 499 to count for more than three (3) credit hours, please justify your request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervising Faculty Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date