

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.

ECO 499 involves the development of an individual project of inquiry into an economic topic of particular interest to the student, and in a depth not currently offered through regular coursework. Students who demonstrate excellence may be eligible for nomination for the annual celebration of Student Academic Excellence or other academic conferences. A faculty member must provide a letter to the Director of Undergraduate Studies that affirms that he or she is willing to mentor the student's inquiry. The letter must stipulate the topic, describe the proposed conduct of inquiry, the method of grading, and the duration of the project. The student must cosign the letter.

To apply for ECO 499, a student must have minimum of 3.0 ECO GPA average in his or her Economics courses and have completed the following courses:

ECO 405 - Microeconomic Theory

ECO 407 - Macroeconomic Theory

ECO 480 - Econometrics I

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) credits 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.

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Directions:

- 1) Please fill out the *ECO 499 Independent Study Proposal – Student Application* form and return it via email to the ECO main office (ecomain@buffalo.edu).
- 2) You must attach a typewritten proposal that clearly defines the research question and the method of the research project. Please include a title, introduction, and research design section in the proposal. (No more than 5 pages.)
- 3) You must attach a letter from a faculty member to the Director of Undergraduate Studies that affirms that he or she is willing to mentor the student's research project, the topic of the project, the description and the method of grading, and the duration of the project.
- 4) 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.
- 5) To be honored, all application materials 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.
- 6) 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:

- Go to your HUB Student Center-Go to your "My Academics" tab
- Next to the "Academic Requirements" section, click on the link that says "View myadvisement report"
- Click the "view report as pdf" button
- Print the complete report and hand in with this application

NOTES:

- If you are having trouble getting to and / or printing the PDF version, and are using an on-campus public computing site / lab, try printing your AAR from home / your dorm instead.
- If you still have issues, contact HUB Student Support to report the problem and get assistance.
- Applications turned in without a complete AAR will not be reviewed.

NEED MORE HELP?

Contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies:

Dr. Joanne McLaughlin

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Email: jsmclaug@buffalo.edu

Office hours listed online here.

Additional questions? Contact the

Economics main office: (716) 645-8670

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STUDENT APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First): _____

Person #:

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 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: _____

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

If YES: Term: FALL SPRING SUMMER Year: _____ Instructor: _____

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Please briefly answer each question below:

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

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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?

Student Signature

Date

Supervising Faculty Signature

Date