

## ECO 498 – Undergraduate Research Proposal

### *Information and Instructions*

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

ECO 498 – Undergraduate Research is intended to provide an opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience in research under the supervision of a faculty member.

*Students with excellent records in economics may participate in faculty research projects or conduct their own original research under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Interested students should consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the faculty member with whom they wish to conduct research.*

To apply for ECO 498, a student must have a minimum of 3.0 ECO GPA 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 research topic.

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

A maximum of three (3) units from either ECO 498 or ECO 499 can be counted toward the ECO BA upper level electives.

ECO 498 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 498 Undergraduate Research Proposal – **Student Application** form and return it via email to the ECO main office ([ecomain@buffalo.edu](mailto: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 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.
- 6) If your request is approved, you will be automatically force registered into ECO 498 – Undergraduate Research 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 my advisement 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***

Phone: (716) 645-8690

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

Stop by 441 Fronczak Hall during open office hours.

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

**(716) 645-8670**

## ECO 498 – Undergraduate Research 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 Undergraduate Research: FALL SPRING SUMMER Year: \_\_\_\_\_

ECO 498-TUT 5-Digit Class #: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\*\*\*\*\* A maximum of 3 units from either ECO 498 or 499 can be counted toward the major upper level electives. \*\*\*\*\***

Have you previously done Undergraduate Research 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 Undergraduate Research?

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

**Person #:**

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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?

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

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Date