

# Guidelines for Determining if Courses Taken Elsewhere Will Count Towards the Economics Major at BU

## **1) Courses Listed HERE Do Not Require Approval**

<http://www.binghamton.edu/admissions/apply/transfer/coursework.html>

Such courses will count toward the economics major exactly as if they had been taken at Binghamton and will not fulfill residency requirements.

## **2) AP and IB Credits**

AP scores of 3 or above are accepted for Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 160), Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 162), Statistics and Calculus. A score of 3 is considered equivalent to a grade of C, a score of 4 is considered equivalent to a grade of B, etc. IB higher level scores are also accepted. IB standard level scores are not accepted.

## **3) Hybrid (Micro and Macro Principles Courses)**

Some schools including Syracuse University and SUNY Stony Brook, offer a combined micro/macro principles course. In such cases the course will be accepted as ECON 162, Principles of Macroeconomics

## **4) All other courses taken anywhere other than Binghamton University (including all SUNY/CUNY schools) must be approved in advance by the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Economics.**

Before you decide to take a course elsewhere, please check to make sure that you comply with the residency requirement of your degree (available on the department website).

Courses taken through a study abroad program sponsored by BU may count as BU courses. Consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies before you make plans for such programs.

## **Transfer Credit For ECON 360 and 362**

The Economics Department will not approve ECON 360 or 362 taken at other institutions during the summer or winter. For study abroad programs during the fall and spring, students must obtain the approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Economics prior to the start of the program. A course will usually be denied approval if it does not require calculus as a prerequisite, or if calculus has not been taken already. Even if calculus is required, a

### 5) Transfer Credit for ACCT 211 – Financial Accounting

The Economics Department follows the guidelines of the School of Management with regard to assigning transfer equivalencies for this course. In general courses titled “Financial Accounting” will be approved. Courses titled “Accounting” may be approved, but courses as “Accounting I” almost always require that “Accounting II” also be completed to be considered equivalent. For SUNY schools refer to the tables found at <http://www2.binghamton.edu/som/undergraduate/programs/prospectivestudents/prospective>