

## 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.

To apply for ECO 498, 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 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 ECO 498 can be counted toward the major 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 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 498 – Undergraduate Research 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. Zhiqiang Liu**

Call (716) 645-8688 to leave a voice mail message.

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

Stop by 435 Fronczak Hall during open office hours.

**For advising hours visit:**

[www.economics.buffalo.edu/undergraduate](http://www.economics.buffalo.edu/undergraduate)

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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  MALE  
 FEMALE

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date