

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.

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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. Zhiqiang Liu

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

Email zqliu@buffalo.edu.

Stop by 445 Fronczak Hall during open office hours.

For advising hours visit:

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 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: _____

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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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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?

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