HONORS COLLEGE SAMPLE SCHEDULE
ECONOMICS BA
Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

CONTACT INFORMATION
• Honors College Advisor: Anthony Hoefer (ahoefer@gmu.edu)
• Department Chair: Daniel Houser
• Undergraduate Director: Jason Dunick (jdunick@gmu.edu)

Once students begin attending Mason and declare a major they should see both their Honors College advisor and their major department advisor for advising. Students must confirm their major requirements with their department advisor and with PatriotWeb’s Degree Evaluation.

The Economics BA degree has an optional concentration in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics (PPE). Also, students who complete six hours of ECON 495: Honors Thesis in Economics, and meet GPA requirements are eligible to receive departmental honors. See the Undergraduate Director for details and advising.

ADVISING SHEET
o Honors College Requirement
♦ Department Requirement
⇒ CHSS Requirement

1st Year – 1st Semester (Fall) | Credits
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o HNRS 110: Research Methods (4 credits; grade of C or better required) or HNRS 108 (fall semester) and HNRS 109 (spring semester): Introduction to Research Methods I and II. The 108/109 sequence is ideal for students who seek additional writing support.¹ (3 credits each; grade of C or better required) | 4 (3)
o An approved quantitative reasoning course ². Choose from:
- HNRT 125: A Liberal Arts Approach to Calculus (3 credits),
- HNRT 225: Applied Calculus (3 credits),
- MATH 108: Business Calculus (3 credits; placement exam required)
- MATH 113: Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (4 credits; recommended; placement exam required) | 3 or 4
o HNRS 122: Reading the Arts | 3

♦ ECON 103H: Honors Contemporary Microeconomic Principles or ECON 103: Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (a grade of “C” or better required before taking upper level ECON courses) | 3

⇒ *If Math 113 is not being taken: Open elective, or an approved 3-credit Mason Core natural science course (if not MATH 113), or a 3-credit foreign language course (placement exam recommended) ³,⁴ | 3

Semester Total | 14/16
1st Year – 2nd Semester (Spring)

- HNRS 130: Conceptions of Self 3
  - ECON 104: Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (a grade of C or better required) 3
  - Elective or MATH 114 or MATH 116 (MATH 114H): Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (MATH 114 is strongly recommended for students considering graduate school in economics. See Prof. Dunick in this case.) 3 or 4
  - Foreign Language 6

Semester Total 15/16

2nd Year – 1st Semester (Fall)

- HNRS 131: Contemporary Society in Multiple Perspectives 3
- HNRS 240: Reading the Past 3
  - ECON 306: Intermediate Microeconomics (Prerequisite MATH 113 or HNRT 125 or 225) 3
  - STAT 250: Introductory Statistics I or STAT 250H: Honors Introductory Statistics I 3
  - Approved 4-credit Mason Core (General Education) lab science course 4
  - Foreign Language 3

Semester Total 16

2nd Year – 2nd Semester (Spring)

- HNRS 230: Cross-Cultural Perspectives 3
  - Three-credit Mason Core (General Education) lab science course (if not yet taken) 3
  - ECON 311: Intermediate Macroeconomics 3
  - STAT 350: Introductory Statistics II 3
  - Open Elective 3

Semester Total 15

3rd Year – 1st Semester (Fall)

- ECON Electives 300+ level 6
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- Open Elective or Advanced Honors course to satisfy Req. 3 (see note below) 3

Semester Total 15

3rd Year – 2nd Semester (Spring)

- HNRS 353: Technology in the Contemporary World (grade of C or better required) 3
- ECON Electives 300+ level 6
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Semester Total 15
4th Year – 1st Semester (Fall)

♦ ECON Electives 300+ level 6
♦ Electives 300+ level 9

Semester Total 15

4th Year – 2nd Semester (Spring)

♦ ECON Electives 300+ level 6
♦ Open Electives 6-9

Semester Total 12-15

Total Hours 120

NOTES

1. While HNRS 110 offers significant opportunities for students to develop as writers and communicators, it does assume that students will have strong backgrounds in written communication. The HNRS 108/109 sequence provides students with additional opportunities to develop these skills; it is an ideal option for any students who did not complete at least one rigorous and writing-intensive course in high school (i.e., an AP or IB course in English, literature, composition, or history, or something of an approximate rigor). If you are uncertain about which course to take, please ask your Honors College advisor.

2. The MATH 113/114 sequence is strongly recommended for honors students who plan to attend graduate school in Econ. In fact, the BS degree may be a better choice for these students. Please see Prof. Dunick in Economics to discuss this, or your Honors College advisor to discuss the various other options.

3. Students receiving a BA in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences must show evidence of an intermediate proficiency in a second language. This can be fulfilled through course work or through a sufficient score on a placement exam. These exams are also used to place students into the appropriate level foreign language course. Many – but not all – introductory foreign language courses carry 6 credits; most courses after that level are only 3 credits.

4. Students receiving a BA from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences fulfill the Mason Core requirement in natural science by completing 7 credits of approved natural science courses, including one 4-credit course with a laboratory experience. Please review the list of courses that fulfill the Mason Core Natural Sciences requirement.

5. Students can fulfill their statistics requirement in economics by choosing one of three 2-course sequences: (a) STAT 250 and 350, (b) BUS 210 and BUS 210, or (c) STAT 344 and 354 fulfill this requirement. BUS 210 and 310 require HNRT 225, MATH 108, or MATH 113; HNRT 225 will not be sufficient. The prerequisite for STAT 344 is MATH 114 or MATH 116. STAT 250H has a prerequisite of MATH 113.

HONORS REQUIREMENTS (see advising section of Honors College website for further details)

• All Honors College students earning a BA degree must complete Requirements 1 and 2 of the Honors College Curriculum, including taking 3 courses under Requirement 2. In general, it is expected that those students earning a BS will take HNRS 122, HNRS 131, and HNRS 240 to fulfill Requirement 2. If they do not, then they must complete the corresponding general education requirement with courses that are outlined in the University Catalog for your catalog year.
• In addition, students earning a BA degree must complete additional college requirements (Honors College Requirement 3). A full list of courses approved for Requirement 3 can be found on the Honors College website. These courses must be approved by your Honors College advisor in your Plan of Study.