Department of Economics Advising information for new undergraduate (BA) students

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Welcome to Concordia and to Economics!

We encourage you to review these resources to help you get started:

- **FAS Touchstone virtual advising**: https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/students/newly-admitted/advising.html. This provides critical information about degree requirements and course registration.
- **First-year experience**: https://www.concordia.ca/students/new.html
- **Progressing from applying to your first term**: https://www.concordia.ca/students/undergraduate/welcome.html

The undergraduate support team

- **Prof. Anca Alecsandru**: Undergraduate Program Director
- **Ms. Émilie Martel**: Program Coordinator, Internships & Experiential Learning
- **Ms. Melissa Faisal**: Undergraduate Program Assistant

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BA degree programs in Economics

60 BA Honours in Economics

Stage I
- 6 * ECON 201[1], 203[3]
- 6 ** ECON 221[1], 222[3]

Stage II
- 6 ECON 301[1], 302[3]
- 6 ECON 303[3], 304[4]
- 6 ECON 325[3], 326[4]
- 3 ECON 324[4]
- 3 Chosen from ECON 318, 319

Stage III
- 6 ECON 401[3], 403[4]
- 6 ECON 421[3], 422[3]
- 12 400-level ECON elective credits

60 BA Specialization in Economics

Stage I
- 6 * ECON 201[1], 203[3]
- 6 ** ECON 221[1], 222[3]

Stage II
- 6 ECON 301[1], 302[3]
- 6 ECON 303[3], 304[4]
- 3 Chosen from ECON 318[3], 319[3]
- 6 ECON 324[4], 325[3]
- 3 Chosen from 300-credits; GEOG 380[3]; COMP 218[3]

Stage III
- 3 ECON 421[3] or 423[3]
- 21 400-level ECON elective credits

42 BA Major in Economics

Stage I
- 6 * ECON 201[1], 203[3]
- 6 ** ECON 221[1], 222[3]

Stage II
- 6 ECON 301[1], 302[3]
- 6 ECON 303[3], 304[4]
- 3 Chosen from ECON 318[3], 319[3], 324[4]
- 3 Chosen from 300-level ECON elective credits; GEOG 380[3]; COMP 218[3]

Stage III
- 12 400-level ECON credits

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Our department offers three BA concentrations in Economics: Major, Specialization, and Honours. All three share a common core: Stage I, then ECON 301, 302, 303, 304.

- Honours: 60 credits, recommended for students interested in graduate studies, possible to apply via internal process after first year.
- Specialization: 60 credits, a lot of flexibility in advanced (400-level) ECON course selection.
- Major: 42 credits, the basics and a taste of advanced courses. Leaves a lot of space for non-ECON credits, so easier to pair with another Major or a Minor.

- Our BA programs are like building blocks: once you have completed all prerequisites for a specific course, you can take that course, e.g., ECON 201 + 203 = access to ECON 318 and 319.
- Students are free to progress at their own rhythm by following the prerequisite structure. We therefore do not provide a pre-made schedule.
- The Undergraduate Calendar shows a full description of courses, including their prerequisites:

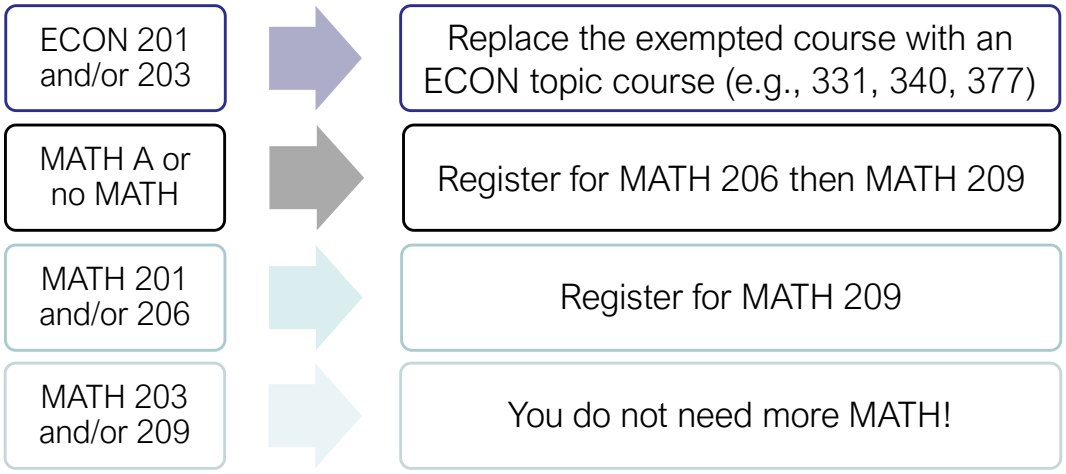
https://www.concordia.ca/academics/undergraduate/calendar/current/sec31/31-080.html

- To see which courses are offered in the current academic year, consult the Concordia Class Schedule via your Student Centre. You can search by semester (/1 = Summer, /2 = Fall, /3 = Fall/Winter, 4 = Winter), by level (200, 300, 400), by time, etc.

- It is possible to switch from one concentration to the next (e.g., Major to Specialization or Honours) once requirements are met. For more information, contact Melissa Faisal at melissa.faisal@concordia.ca.

ECON & MATH exemptions

An exemption does not grant you credit and blocks you from taking the exempted course at Concordia. If you received an exemption for:



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Exemptions (EX) and potential exemptions (PEX) appear on your offer of admission and on your unofficial transcript.

- The most commonly seen exemptions for Economics students are ECON 201, 203; MATH 201, 203, 206, and 209.
- Exemptions depend on your previous studies, either in high school, cégep or in another university. Many of our students do not receive exemptions: that's ok! Not having exemptions will not affect the duration of your studies, but you will use some of your open elective credits for the MATH courses.
- The decision on exemptions is made by the Admissions Officer named in your offer of admission: their name, phone number, & email address are on the second page of your offer of admission under the **Admissions Contact** heading.
- Potential exemptions (PEX) will be reviewed again prior to the start of term: if you have any PEX, verify your student record to ensure that these exemptions were changed to an EX. If not, then it means that the exemption was not awarded and that you must update your course selection.
- MATH 206 = MATH 201 (fundamentals); MATH 209 = MATH 203 (calculus I).

- MATH 201 and 203 are designed for Science and Engineering students, while MATH 206 and 209 are for Economics and Business students. You don't need all four courses for Economics, only two: MATH 201+203 or MATH 206+209.

- Students exempt from MATH 203 and/or 209 do not need more math.

- Students considering a Minor in a science or computer science department should consider the MATH 201+MATH 203 stream instead of MATH 206 + MATH 209. Of note is that COMP 218 requires MATH 201: MATH 206 is not enough.

- MATH courses will count towards the 6-credit General Education degree requirement, as the Department of Mathematics and Statistics is in the Science sector.

- Some students may want to take a course even if they have an exemption for it. You need to fill out a form acknowledging that you will not retain credit for the course: please contact Melissa Faisal at melissa.faisal@concordia.ca for more information. You will not retain credit; the grade for the course will not count in your cumulative GPA but will count in your current term and annual GPA.

Example of a first-year course schedule (full-time status, no transfer credits)

No ECON and no MATH exemptions		Exemptions for ECON 201, ECON 203, and MATH 206	
First term	Second term	First term	Second term
ECON 201	ECON 221	ECON 221	ECON 222
ECON 203	ECON 318 or ECON 319	ECON 318 or ECON 319	ECON 301 or 303 or 3xx
MATH 206	MATH 209	MATH 209	Open elective
Open elective	Open elective	Open elective	Open elective

Meet with an advisor if you have questions about your Economics course selection!

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Think about your goals and personal situation as they may affect your registration choices. It is your responsibility as a student to register for your courses. We do not save you a seat or enrol you in any classes, even mandatory ones.

- Use the degree requirements checklist to keep track: https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/economics/students/advising.html or the Academic Requirements report via your Student Centre under the Academics tab.

- **Our advising team cannot guide you about other departments' courses or programs**. You must go to the department or school that offers the program you're interested in for information about transferring (for example, go to Math & Stats for MATH, JMSB for Commerce, GCS for Computer Science or Engineering, etc.).

- Please book an appointment with Émilie Martel, Economics undergraduate advisor if you have questions about your ECON course selection and progress in the program: https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/economics/students/advising.html. **You do not need to book a private advising appointment to be allowed to register for classes: registration will be available to you from April 8 to the DNE deadline for the term.**

- Please contact Melissa Faisal at melissa.faisal@concordia.ca for issues with course registration or if you wish to submit a request to specify program transfer credits.

GENL transfer credits can remain as they are, unless some can be used as program requirements.

- Students interested in joining the Honours program can also book an appointment with the Undergraduate Program Director: https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/economics/students/advising/calendar.html (scroll down to the bottom of the page).

- An elective is a course that is not part of your program requirements. You need electives to graduate: starting Fall 2026, at least 15 of your credits must be outside of Economics (ECON) and you must reach the 'minimum credits required to graduate' indicated on your offer of admission.

- Students admitted before Fall 2026 must complete 24 credits outside of ECON.

- Helpful list for general electives: https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/students/elective-courses.html.

Statistics courses equivalencies

ECON 221 Statistical Methods I (3 credits)

Prerequisite: Cegep Mathematics 311 or MATH 201 or 206.

NOTE: Students who have received credits for BIOL 322, COMM 214 or 215, DESC 244, ENGR 371, GEOG 362, MAST 221 or 333, PSYC 315 or 316, SOCI 212 and 213, or STAT 249 or 250 may not take this course for credit.

NOTE: Students in the Major in Economics are required to take ECON 221. Credits earned for SOCI 212 or INTE 296 will not be counted towards the degree.

ECON 222 Statistical Methods II (3 credits)

Prerequisite: ECON 221; MATH 203 or 209; or equivalent.

NOTE: Students who have received credit for MAST 333, PSYC 316 or STAT 250, or for any combination of MAST 221 and 333, PSYC 315 and 316, or STAT 249 and 250, may not take this course for credit.

- You can earn MAX = 6 such statistics credits.
- Economics students should take ECON 221 and ECON 222.

When in doubt, ask an Economics Academic Advisor!

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Because different departments offer statistics courses, ECON 221 and 222 list some equivalencies: this is done so students won't lose credit if they already took equivalent content (see the note in yellow in the slide)

Each departement has their own approach. For the Department of Economics, COMM 214 or 215 = ECON 221

Students must consult with the department they wish to transfer into (e.g., JMSB) to inquire about their policies regarding course equivalency and substitution.

Co-op and C.Edge: your BA + paid internships

Requirements	Co-op	C.Edge
Must be/transfer in	BA Specialization or Honours	Any BA Economics option
Paid internships	3	1
Total Co-op fees	https://www.concordia.ca/academics/co-op/students/fees.html	
Application period	August & December	January
Admission	3.00+ GPA	2.50+ GPA
How to apply	Concordia.ca/coop	concordia.ca/cedge

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Visit Co-op and Career Edge for more information about these programs:

- https://www.concordia.ca/academics/co-op/programs/undergraduate.html#how-to-apply
- https://www.concordia.ca/academics/co-op/programs/career-edge.html#how-to-apply

Contact Émilie Martel at emilie.martel@concordia.ca for more information.



The Student Success Centre offers a variety of learning services for students, including these specific to Economics and Math support.

- Study groups (ECON 201, 203, 221, and 222): https://www.concordia.ca/students/success/learning-support/math-help.html#groups
- Math tutoring: https://www.concordia.ca/students/success/learning-support/math-help.html
- Learning Specialists: https://www.concordia.ca/students/success/learning-support/specialists.html

The EGSA (Economics Graduate Students Association) also offers one-on-one tutoring for a fee. The list is available on the Undergraduate Studies poster board in H-1155 or by request at the Student Success Centre (Hall Building, 7th floor)

Please visit the ACSD page for information about registering for academic accommodation: https://www.concordia.ca/students/accessibility/register.html.

Transfer to the John Molson School of Business (JMSB)

For all questions related to JMSB, such as transfer to JMSB, curriculum, or asking for permission to take a course offered by JMSB, please visit:

https://www.concordia.ca/jmsb/programs/undergraduate/bachelor/students/internal-degree-transfer.html

You must consult with the department or School that offers the program you want to join for guidance!

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JMSB transfer page:
https://www.concordia.ca/jmsb/programs/undergraduate/bachelor/students/internal-degree-transfer.html

The Department of Economics is housed in a different Faculty (Arts & Science) than JMSB. Since JMSB makes all decisions regarding transfer to its programs, our department staff and advisors cannot advise you on the internal transfer to any of the BComm programs.

- Students preparing for a transfer are not required to follow the BA Economics academic requirements, unless the new program requires ECON classes.
- Looking to transfer outside of Economics? Always contact the department or unit that offers that program. You can find contact information and eligibility criteria more by going to https://www.concordia.ca/academics/undergraduate.html.
- Please visit https://www.concordia.ca/jmsb/programs/undergraduate/bachelor/students/internal-degree-transfer.html for more information about the internal transfer process and its requirements.
- Please visit https://www.concordia.ca/ginacody/students/academic-

services/zoom.html for the list of information sessions available for students interested in transferring to an engineering or computer science program.

The course registration golden rules

1. Adding and dropping classes is your responsibility
2. Register for the entire academic year
3. An ‘Open’ class may not be available to you
4. Be involved and proactive
5. Give yourself time to figure things out…and remember that we are here to help you

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1. Adding and dropping classes is your responsibility

- The department will not add or drop courses for you, nor will it save you a seat in a mandatory class.
- The more you wait before registering, the less chance you have of getting your first pick of classes.
- To be considered as a full-time student, you need at least 12 credits in the Fall, and the same in the Winter. Always look at the number of credits when building your schedule, not the number of classes!

2. Register for the entire academic year

- The more you wait, the harder it will be to find open classes.
- Each spring, you will see your ‘Enrolment dates’ in your Student Centre: this is the date on which you will be allowed to register for Summer, Fall, and Winter classes

for that academic year.

- If you do not pass a class in Fall, you must review your Winter selection to ensure that you can continue with the classes you selected.

3. An 'open' class may not be available to you

- Departments set aside a certain number of seats for their program students: sometimes, 100% of seats in a class are reserved for program students!
- Even if your goal is to transfer, your desired program's courses may be closed to you until you officially transfer (e.g., most COMM courses are reserved for current BComm students, or most Fine Arts classes for BFA students).
- If you attempt to register for an 'open' class and the system immediately puts on the waitlist, that's a hint that this course is not open for you.
- Don't linger on that waitlist: choose something else. You can use the SWAP feature in case the unit offering the course makes seats available for non-program students.
- Elective classes are courses that each department makes available for non-program students. This list can be helpful when looking for electives: https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/students/advising-registration-withdrawal/elective-courses.html.

4. Be involved and proactive

- Learning about Concordia and how to register for classes, deadlines, expectations, etc. is your responsibility.
- Read the information that Concordia is sending you, including your offer of admission.
- Ensure that your email provider is not sending Concordia's emails in the Junk folder!
- After adding or dropping a class, check your Student Centre to make sure that the change

has been made.

- The system will let you register both for the first course in sequence and the next in sequence: it trusts that you will pass the first class.
- If you fail a class, the system may not deregister you automatically if you already registered for the next class in the sequence. You must drop the class yourself and choose something else.
- Students are allowed to repeat a class once, unless they already completed the next course in sequence.
- Skipping program requirements is not an option, unless you received transfer credits for that class.

5. Give yourself time to figure things out…and remember that we are here to help you

Concordia's system and rules may be very different than what you are used to! This is why we encourage you to be engaged and involved throughout your studies. There are lots of resources and people available to assist you in understanding the rules and how the system works.

In the Department of Economics

- econ.advising@concordia.ca (for guidance about the program or courses) or melissa.faisal@concordia.ca (issues with course registration, student requests)
- 'Getting started' page: https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/economics/students/advising/new-students.html
- Advising: https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/economics/students/advising.html
- Program requirements: https://www.concordia.ca/academics/undergraduate/calendar/current/section-31-faculty-of-arts-and-science/section-31-080-department-of-economics.html

Concordia's First-year support

- Registration guide: https://www.concordia.ca/students/registration.html
- Welcome Crew mentors: https://www.concordia.ca/students/success/new/mentoring.html
- Events and workshops for new students:
  https://www.concordia.ca/students/success/new/events.html
- Understanding your degree credit requirements:
  https://www.concordia.ca/students/registration/advising/degree-credit-requirements.html

Academic advising and support

- Advising for UG Economics students
  - Émilie Martel, Student Advisor: econ.advising@concordia.ca
  - https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/economics/students/advising.html
- Undergraduate Program Assistant

  Melissa Faisal, melissa.faisal@concordia.ca
- Honours academic advising

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Remember! The Economics advising team can only speak to Economics course selection and progress in the BA Economics. Questions about transferring to another program, including eligibility requirements and course selection pending the transfer, should be addressed to the department or school that offers the program you are interested in.

- When in doubt about your Economics course selection, or if you have questions about graduate studies or career paths…book an appointment with the undergraduate Economics advisor.
- You can also write to econ.advising@concordia.ca or call 514-848-2424 x5682.
- There is no limit to the number of times a student can meet with the Economics student advisor. Advising appointments are capped at 15 minutes to accommodate the volume of requests.
- An advisor cannot add or drop classes for you.

Before meeting for advising

- Prepare your question(s)
- Have your course schedule and your Student ID card with you
- Be ready to take notes!

Your next steps

- Wait for the enrolment start date for newly admitted students
- Register for your courses as soon as you can: Fall admits should register for their Fall and Winter courses. Your admission will be revoked if you do not register for the semester you were admitted to.
- Closer to the start of term: get your Concordia student ID and Concordia email
- Learn the Academic Dates and Deadlines (CU account):
  - DNE (Did Not Enter) withdrawal has no academic and no financial impact on the student.
  - DISC (Discontinued) withdrawal has a financial impact on the student.

http://www.concordia.ca/students/registration/term-dates-deadlines.html

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- You may add courses to your course cart before the enrolment start date; however, you will not be able to complete your registration before that date.

- Students have until the DNE deadline to add/drop classes for that term. We encourage you to register for classes as soon as possible to ensure a better selection.

- How-to guides are available here: https://www.concordia.ca/students/registration.html. The Welcome Crew mentors also offer guidance on using the registration system: https://www.concordia.ca/students/success/new/mentoring.html.

- Wait until closer to the start of term to get your Concordia email address and Student ID card (LB-115, 1400 De Maisonneuve W). A student ID card lets you borrow items from the Library, use on-campus printers, take the Concordia Shuttle bus between downtown and Loyola, and more.

- It is your responsibility to register on time, and to keep track of the DNE and DISC deadlines! The deadlines change every semester, so reviewing them each year is essential.

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- Melissa Faisal, Undergraduate Program Assistant: student requests, administrative procedures, issues with ECON course registration
- Émilie Martel, Program Coordinator, Internships & EL: Economics undergraduate advising, internship programs, career opportunities in Economics
- Anca Alecsandru, Undergraduate Program Director: Honours advising, preparing for graduate studies in Economics.

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