The Graduate Minor in Economics

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The Graduate Minor in Economics will benefit graduate students in other OSU departments, who wish
to improve their substantive knowledge of theory, empirical methods and model analysis in the areas
of microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics and their applications. Such training is intended
to complement the student’s chosen graduate major field. The Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) in
Economics cannot advise prospective graduate minor students how the Graduate Minor in Economics
can specifically complement students’ home graduate program. A student should therefore consult the
advisor in the home/major department as to how the Graduate Minor in Economics can enhance the
student’s major academic goal.

Procedures

A student must apply for admission to the Graduate Minor in Economics using the Application Form
provided by the Economics Program. Graduate Minor Application Form for admission may be
submitted any time. Shortly after receipt of the completed Application Form, the Economics Office of
Graduate Studies (OGS) will acknowledge the receipt of the student application.

Upon admission to the Graduate Minor in Economics, the students will receive a letter signed by the
Economics DGS to that effect with cc: to the Graduate School as well as student’s home department
advisor and office of graduate studies. The Graduate School also will send the student an
acknowledgement of admission to the Graduate Minor in Economics program.

Before enrolling in the Graduate Minor in Economics, the Economics DGS must approve the student’s
Economics Graduate Minor Program Plan of Study. The Economics OGS will send copies of the
student’s Plan of Study to the student’s home program advisor and office of graduate studies. The
student must adhere to taking courses as indicated in the approved Plan of Study. If a change in the
Plan of Study is necessary, the student must obtain the Economics DGS’s prior approval for a revision.
Whenever there is a substantive change in the student’s Plan of Study, the Economics OGS will send
the revised Plan of Study signed by the Economics DGS to the student’s home program advisor and
office of graduate studies. Graduate School will match the courses completed with those in the
approved Graduate Minor Program Plan of Study. An unauthorized departure from the Graduate
Minor Program Plan of Study can lead to a loss of transcript designation.

When requirements for the minor have been completed, the Economics DGS issues the signed
Graduate Minor Transcript Designation Form, which will be submitted to the student’s home
department and the Graduate School.
Policies

The goal of the Graduate Minor in Economics is to provide a graduate curriculum in which non-
economics graduate students learn economists’ methods and concepts so that they can appreciate
journal articles, working papers and graduate-level textbooks in the areas of their interest. After a few
core courses in the Graduate Minor program, students should be able to take some of the field courses
in our Ph.D. program, especially the first courses in select fields. Depending on their technical
backgrounds, some students may also be able take some of our Ph.D. core courses in theory and
econometrics.

The Graduate Minor in Economics conforms to the Graduate School requirements for a Graduate
Minor.

Eligibility: An Ohio State University student already enrolled with good standing in a graduate
program whose home department is not the Department of Economics.

Enrollment Procedure: A prospective student for the Graduate Minor in Economics must apply to the
Economics Office of Graduate Studies (OGS), and must obtain the approval by the Director of
Graduate Studies in Economics (DGS) of an academic plan that satisfies the Minor program.

Requirements: A student must take at least 4 courses and earn at least 20 credit hours from the set of
graduate economics courses to be approved by the Economics DGS, and must earn a grade of B or
better in each Economics DGS approved course. If a course allows a non-letter grade, the student
must obtain approval from the Economics DGS prior to taking the course on the basis of Satisfactory
(S)/Unsatisfactory (U) and must earn an S. No qualifier examination or field examination is required
for the Graduate Minor in Economics; no part of the course requirements can be partially or wholly
substituted for by a qualifier examination or field examination.

Transcript Designation: Upon meeting the course and grade requirements, the “Graduate Minor in
Economics” will be designated in the student’s official OSU transcript.

Course Requirements: Four graduate courses in economics, each with the grade of B or better, must
be taken to satisfy the Graduate Minor in Economics. Two of the four courses must be core concept

1 Our Ph.D. program offers eight fields, each field consisting of three or more courses, and, on average,
approximately 25 field courses are offered in a given academic year. The eight fields can be grouped into
microeconomics (4 fields: advanced theory, labor economics, industrial organization, public finance & urban
economics), macroeconomics (2 fields: macro & monetary economics, international economics), econometrics
(1 field) and economic history (1 field). See Appendix on Graduate Courses for more detail. Underscoring our
close metric to Finance and AEDEcon, our Ph.D. students may take the field of Finance (from the Department of
Finance) or the field of Development Economics (from AED Econ).

2 II.7.9.4 Graduate Minors (OSU Graduate School Handbook).

   a. The Graduate Minor involves one program outside of a student’s major graduate program.
   b. The student must receive a grade of B or better, or S, in each course comprising the Graduate
   c. The completed Graduate Minor will appear on the student’s permanent record (transcript).

3 Every course in our program, except possibly Economics 893 (Independent Study) and Economics 999
(Dissertation Research), is a five credit-hour course; the minimum four courses translate into the minimum 20
credit hours.
and methodology courses, and one of them must be chosen from the following set of five core microeconomic theory courses:

- Economics 704 Survey of Microeconomics I
- Economics 705 Survey of Microeconomics II
- Economics 804 Microeconomics I
- Economics 805 Microeconomics II
- Economics 808 Microeconomics III

Economics 640, 740, 700 and 701 shall not be used to satisfy the course requirements of the Graduate Minor in Economics. Economics 893 (independent study), Economics 999 (Dissertation Research) and the Departmental Seminar/Workshop series are not admissible towards the Graduate Minor in Economics requirement. If a seminar-title course is used to deliver substantively lecture-type instructions with students’ participation, the Economics DGS will designate it as an admissible course for the Graduate Minor in Economics. Non-economics Ph.D. students will be allowed to take E893 (independent study), seminars and workshops in our curriculum, subject to the Economics DGS approval, after they have met the Graduate Minor requirements.

Six courses, Economics 702-707, provide core concepts and methodology for Graduate Minor students at a level below the first-year core Ph.D. courses but strictly above the upper-division honors undergraduate economics courses. They are self-contained in core concepts and methods, and also open avenues to applied graduate fields in economics. They are pairwise grouped into micro, macro and econometric clusters.

Survey of Microeconomic Theory
- Economics 704 (5 credit hours): Survey of Microeconomic Theory I
- Economics 705 (5 credit hours): Survey of Microeconomic Theory II

Survey of Macroeconomic Theory
- Economics 706 (5 credit hours): Survey of Macroeconomic Theory I
- Economics 707 (5 credit hours): Survey of Macroeconomic Theory II

Survey of Econometric Methods
- Economics 702 (5 credit hours): Survey of Econometric Methods I
- Economics 703 (5 credit hours): Survey of Econometric Methods II

Graduate Minor students should be able to access a dozen first courses in several fields after completing one or two of the 700-level core concept and methodology courses.

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4 Economics 704 is the most basic to all courses, and thus a prerequisite, explicitly or implicitly, to all courses in our graduate level core and field courses. If a student already has a course equivalent to Economics 704 or above, the student can take the next core micro theory course that fits the student’s background and need.

5 They are technical courses to supplement the core courses in economics; they do not have sufficient economics content in themselves.

6 Economics 970 (Seminar in Industrial Organization) and Economics 981 (Seminar in Labor Economics) are currently the only seminar-title courses that qualify as de facto advanced lecture field courses towards the Graduate Minor in Economics.

7 We have eight fields in our Ph.D. program, and each field consists of three or more field courses. Usually the first course of a given field is the most accessible.
Application to the Graduate Minor in Economics

Student Name: (LAST NAME, First Name)
Nationality: Gender OSU Diversity Code
OSU ID Number: _______________ E-mail address: _______________@osu.edu
Local Address: ____________________________________________________________________
Phone numbers: Home _______________ Cell _______________ Office _______________
Home Graduate Program: __________________________ Entry Quarter/Year _______________
Home Graduate Degree (select one): Ph.D. only Ph.D./M.A./M.S. M.A./M.S.
Cumulative GPA of all OSU courses taken (graduate and undergraduate)
Cumulative GPA of all OSU graduate courses taken
GRE (Month /Year ): Quantitative: %, Verbal: % Analytic Writing

Undergraduate Degrees & Institutions:

Masters Degree/ Major / Institution

In applying to the Graduate Minor Program in Economics, I intend to follow its Policies and Procedures. I understand in particular that I must score the minimum grade of B in each course that the Economics Director of Graduate Studies approves for the Graduate Minor Program in Economics, and that “Graduate Minor in Economics” will be the transcript designation upon successful completion of the program. I am submitting the following documents to support my application to the Graduate Minor in Economics.

- Statement of Purpose: at most two pages, single line space, 1 inch margins on all sides
- All Undergraduate Transcripts: copies of transcripts filed in the home department office accepted.
- A copy of OSU Advising Report in lieu of the OSU transcript copy.

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Student signature Date

I approve the student’s pursuit of the Graduate Minor in Economics.

Home Graduate Advisor (Printed Name) Signature Date

Home Graduate Advisor’s OSU office address, contact phones and email address

I approve the student’s application to the Graduate Minor in Economics

Hajime Miyazaki
Director of Graduate Studies, Economics Signature Date

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