Bachelor of Economics (Honours)

The School of Economics is one of a handful of schools that provides a dedicated Honours stream from second year. Students are first invited to the Honours program if they perform well in their introductory microeconomics (ECON1001, ECON1040 or BUSS1040) and macroeconomics courses (ECON1002). Entry into the Economics Honours program is also possible in the third and fourth years, but the entry criteria are higher, and students will also need to complete some units from the second and third years of the Honours program.

Eligibility

Entry into the embedded Honours stream:

Students achieving an average of 70% across ECON1001 (or ECON1040 or BUSS1040) and ECON1002 will be invited to enrol in the 2nd year Economics Honours units. Students with an average of 65-69% may contact the Economics Honours Coordinator to request an invitation, which will be granted only if the Honours Coordinator is satisfied with the student’s overall academic record.

For final Honours year entry, students must meet the following:

1. Completion of a three-year degree with a major in Economics, a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 70% across all senior units of study taken in the degree.

2. Students who commenced study from 2018 or transferred to a new degree under new rules from 2018 will need to complete a SECOND MAJOR (any major will suffice).

3. An average mark of 70% or higher across the following 3 marks:
   (i) ECOS3901
   (ii) ECOS3902
   (iii) Average mark across ECOS3903, ECOS3904 OR at least two 3000-level ECMT units. To substitute for ECOS3903, students may take ECMT3110 AND one of the following subjects: ECMT3120; ECMT3160; or ECMT3170. To substitute for ECOS3904, students may take ECMT3110 AND one of ECMT3130 or ECMT3150. Note that some ECMT electives are not offered every year.
4. Student has passed three ECOS3900 level units (or listed ECMT alternatives) and one additional ECOS3000 level unit.

Students who have not completed the third year Honours units may be considered if they have an average of 80% or higher in their senior Economics units. If accepted, these students would be required to complete any of ECMT2150, ECOS2903, ECOS3901, ECOS3902 and [ECOS3903 or ECOS3904] not already completed. These units are to be taken before beginning the final Honours year coursework and thesis. Depending on the student’s other degree requirements the Faculty may require these units to be completed as a non-degree student. These students might be directed towards our Master of Economic Analysis degree.

Additional information to apply

Students who meet the criteria need to apply for entry to the Final Honours Year. Applications for admission should be submitted to the Faculty responsible for administering the undergraduate degree program in which the student is currently enrolled. For example, if you are enrolled in a Bachelor of Economics (including Economics/Law) or a Bachelor of Arts or other degrees in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences you will apply here. If you are enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce (including Commerce/Law) or other degrees in the Business School you will apply through the Business School. Students who started study from 2018 or transferred to a new degree from 2018 under new rules will complete the Honours units in their Bachelor of Advanced Studies degree.

Students who are not able to begin their final honours year until semester 2 should contact the School of Economics by the November closing date. A decision on their acceptance into the final year will be held over until they meet the requirement of completing their three-year degree.

External students with a major in Economics and an average of at least 80% in their senior Economics units are encouraged to apply here to take their final Honours year in Economics at the University of Sydney. External students with equivalent units to our Economics Honours program units should provide documentation to demonstrate this. Please contact our Honours co-ordinator, John Romalis (john.romalis@sydney.edu.au) for any queries.