Fall pre-registration

Pre-registration for fall 2015 courses begins on Wednesday, April 15th through Monday, April 20th. You can find the list of times and instructors for all courses related to econ that will appear during registration for the fall semester on the Econ website. Attached with this newsletter is a list of proposed courses and instructors for the spring 2016 semester for your planning purposes.

If a course you hope to take is closed, please log onto Sage and put your name on the courses’ wait list. As space becomes available, professors will permit additional students to register. In most cases, seniors will be given priority over juniors, and juniors over sophomores. If you are on the wait list and trying to enroll, it is important that you attend all of the class meetings (as long as they do not conflict with another course you are taking). Adding a course late does not excuse you from completing all required assignments. Any student who is on the wait list and cannot be accommodated this term will receive priority for the same course the next time it is offered: for all of our core courses, that will be next semester. Students who have questions about pre-registering for economics courses should contact the department administrator, Leslie Yancich at mailto:lesley@brandeis.edu.

Senior Honors

To graduate with honors in Economics, a student must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 in courses in the major and write a senior thesis. Juniors planning to write a thesis are advised to begin the process this term by discussing potential topics with faculty members or with Prof. Bui, who supervises the thesis-writing process and helps to match students with appropriate faculty advisors. Many Econ faculty members have suggested potential senior thesis research topics, and these are now available on the Economics Department website. Students who identify their topic early can use the summer to read background material or collect data. Students must complete an Econometrics course prior to enrolling in Econ 99a, the senior thesis course. For more information about the senior honors program, go to the Senior Honors Program page of the Econ website.
Advising

Professor Redenius, the current Undergraduate Advising Head, has prepared a detailed memo that answers many of the basic questions students may have about their academic program. This memo is on the “Advice for Students” page on the Economics Department website. Please take time to read it before meeting with your advisor or Professor Redenius.

Reminder: Math requirement for Econ 80a, Econ 82b, Econ 83a and Econ 184b
Every student must satisfy a calculus requirement before enrolling in Econ 80a, 82b, 83a or 184b. Specifically, students must establish competence in calculus in any one of three ways: completion of Math 10a (or equivalent course) with a grade of C- or better; scoring at least 4 on the AP Mathematics AB test, or at least 3 on the AP Mathematics BC test; or passing a placement exam the Econ Department administers at the beginning of the semester. A sample of the exam can be found here. Please note, a student may only take this exam once. Students must satisfy this requirement before taking Econ 80a, 82b, 83a or 184b. Students should also prepare for this requirement by having AP test scores and/or transfer credit grades and syllabus information available before classes begin. Students who have not satisfied the requirement in one of these ways will be removed from these courses.

New UDRs for 2014-2015

Vicky Liu’16, and Gabe Rosenblum’16 will be continuing as Econ UDR’s next year. In addition, we have appointed two new UDRs: Hanyang Li ‘17 and Ben Maletta ’17. Please join us in welcoming them to the UDR program! We extend our thanks to our graduating UDR’s, Peter Walton’15 and Felix Liu Ku ’15 for their excellent service. Special thanks to Peter Walton for being nominated for an “Outstanding UDR” award!

Graduating Student Survey

If you are graduating this year and would like to share your experience with Econ majors, please make sure that we know how to reach you! Please keep a look out for our graduating student survey and give us a non-Brandeis email address so that you can receive our yearly alumni newsletter. Congratulations to all of our upcoming May graduates!