



# Brandeis University

## Department of Economics

October/November 2019 **Newsletter** for Majors and Minors

### Department Chair

Now that most mid-term exams are past, it is time to start thinking about the spring semester!

We have some terrific new courses being offered this spring. Gary Jefferson will be teaching ***Econ 155b: Change on Earth: Evolution, Technical Change and Economics***. Prerequisites for this course are Econ 80 (Intermediate Micro Theory) and Econ 83 (Statistics). This course will fulfill an upper-level elective requirement. Bjorn Markeson is teaching ***Econ 192b Spatial Analysis and Econometrics*** which fulfills an upper-level elective requirement and has Econ 184b as a prerequisite – a great opportunity to apply some of the skills you’ve learned in Econ 184b! For freshman and transfer students, we are offering two-credit practicums in ***Writing in Economics (Econ 26b)*** and ***Oral Communication in Economics (Econ 25a)*** which develop critical skills in writing and oral communication of economic ideas. Econ 25a has Econ 80a as a prerequisite (or co-requisite) and fulfills the Writing Intensive foundational literacies requirement for Economics majors. Econ 26b has Econ 82b as a prerequisite (or co-requisite) and fulfills the Oral Communications foundational literacies requirement for Economics majors. Junior and senior majors can also take certain graduate courses at IBS for upper-level elective credit. Further information on these options is provided below.

Students can also earn Econ credits by taking our classes in Copenhagen this summer! Professor Nelson Sá will lead this fantastic program. See the information below for more details and a link to the Brandeis in Copenhagen website.

Feel free to stop by my office or contact me at [ebrainer@brandeis.edu](mailto:ebrainer@brandeis.edu) to discuss your ideas and experiences.



## Spring PRE-Registration

Pre-registration for spring 2020 courses begins on **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** and continues through **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. You can find the list of times and instructors for all economics courses that will appear during registration for the spring semester on the [Econ website](#).

**DEMAND LISTS:** If a course you hope to take is closed or requires a code, please **put your name on the course demand list on Sage**. This will time stamp your request and will be used to allow students in wherever possible. We will enroll students from the demand list according to their academic standing (seniors before juniors, etc.), declared majors, and place on the list.

**\*\*If you do put yourself on the demand list during pre-registration, please note that those lists will get purged before the next round of registration. You must put yourself on the demand list for each class again starting December 4th to be considered for a spot.**

**CONSENT CODES:** *REMEMBER!* Consent codes will now expire every Sunday at 11:59 pm. Please use your codes right away!

**TIME CONFLICTS:** Any student with a time conflict must have a "Time Conflict form" signed by both conflicting course instructors to be able to enroll. We are unable to enroll you until this is completed.

**GENERAL NOTES:** As space becomes available, all the way up until the end of registration, we will admit more students wherever possible. Again, qualified seniors will be given priority over juniors, juniors over sophomores, etc. If you are on the demand 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. Please remember, adding a course late does not excuse you from completing all required assignments.

Students who have questions about registering for economics courses should contact the department administrator, Leslie Yancich at [lesliey@brandeis.edu](mailto:lesliey@brandeis.edu).

### **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](#). The date of this exam for the Spring 2020 semester is tentatively scheduled for **1/17/20** from 2:00-4:00 in the Chancellor Suite.

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.**

## Graduate Level Courses

We are able to offer some spots in graduate level courses to qualified junior and senior undergraduates for the Spring of 2020. **Spaces are limited and all prerequisites must be met to enroll.** Codes are required for these courses and will likely not be available until the regular registration period starting in December. All can be used for upper level elective credit (unless otherwise noted) toward the economics major. Please email [lesliey@brandeis.edu](mailto:lesliey@brandeis.edu) with the section and class if you are interested or have questions.

*Econ/Fin 209a Behavioral Finance and Economics (very limited space)*

*Econ 261a Empirical Analysis of Trade Policy*

*Econ 286a International Institutions Laboratory (Econ 82 & 83 required)*

*FIN 261 Fixed Income Securities*

*Fin 270 Options & Derivatives*

*Econ 241 Antitrust Economics: Regulating Competition*

*FIN 202 Corporate Finance*



## Copenhagen – Study Abroad

Looking to get ahead in your major? Led by Professor Nelson Sá in summer 2020, **Brandeis in Copenhagen** is a two-course, intensive summer program in which students choose from the following courses:

**Microeconomic Theory**  
**Behavioral Economics**  
**Corporate Finance: European Case Studies.**

The program takes place in Copenhagen, Denmark and is a culturally immersive, experiential learning experience where you will come in direct contact with current issues in Scandinavian Europe. You will study core economic theory and applications in the classroom, listen to speakers on European policy issues and visit places of economic interest, such as businesses, markets, and government institutions. Integration between the courses and the field trips will provide a holistic understanding of economic issues in Scandinavian Europe, as well as a solid grounding in core economic theory. **Some prerequisites apply to be eligible for the program** - learn more at [go.brandeis.edu/copenhagen](http://go.brandeis.edu/copenhagen).

## 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.

**\*Substitution Petition forms** – if you have submitted a form and do not see it reflected in your audit after 2 weeks, contact Leslie at [lesliey@brandeis.edu](mailto:lesliey@brandeis.edu). Do not re-submit the form.

Please make sure when submitting substitution forms that you attach the required syllabus from the course you would like credit for. You must have already **declared your econ major or minor** before you can submit these forms.

## UDRs for 2019-2020

Here are the Econ UDRs. Please feel free to reach out to them with any questions, suggestions, or ideas for the Economics department.

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## Important Dates!

October 30<sup>th</sup> -November 4<sup>th</sup> Pre-registration for Undergraduate classes

November 13<sup>th</sup> - Last day to drop undergraduate classes with a "W"

November 26<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes before Thanksgiving break

December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon through January 27<sup>th</sup> – SPRING REGISTRATION

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes before finals

December 11<sup>th</sup> - Study day

December 12<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup> - Final exams – check online for the updated schedule.

## Parking!

Parking can be frustrating sometimes but please remember that students may NOT park in the circle in front of the IBS building. These spots are reserved for guests, faculty, and staff. Thank you for your cooperation!



