

Changes to the Economics Major

The 2013-2014 Bulletin will have a new curriculum for the BS in Economics. Continuing students can use *either* the new version of the major or the existing version.

Specialization A now features a stronger foundation in Economics and exciting electives clusters. Specialization C remains essentially the same.

Specialization A: Economic Analysis

Required for all Specialization A students

ECO 101: Intro. to Econ and Global Capitalism

STA 250 Principles and Methods of Statistics

ECO 105 Understanding US Economic Data*

ECO 213 Political Economy

ECO 220 Intermediate Macroeconomics

ECO 310 Economics in Historical Perspectives

ECO 225 Intermediate Microeconomics

ECO 405 Seminar in Economics

* ECO 105 may also run under the name and number ECO 199 Demystifying Economics Statistics

Electives for Specialization A

Select five courses, at least one from each cluster. No single course counts toward two clusters.

Criminal Justice Cluster

ECO 231 Global Economic Development and Crime

ECO 235 Finance for Forensic Economics

ECO 260 Environmental Econ Regulation and Policy

ECO 315 Economic Analysis of Crime

ECO 360/SOC 360 Corporate and White Collar Crime

Economic Justice Cluster

AFR 250 Political Economy of Racism

AFR 322 Inequality and Wealth

ECO 280 Economics of Labor

ECO 327 Political Economy of Gender

ECO 333 Sustainability: Preserving the Earth

Public Sector Cluster

ECO 260 Environmental Econ Regulation and Policy

ECO 265 Introduction to Public Sector Economics

ECO 270 Urban Economics

ECO 280 Economics of Labor

ECO 324 Money & Banking

ECO 360/SOC 360 Corporate and White Collar Crime

International Cluster

AFR 250 Political Economy of Racism

ECO 231 Global Economic Development and Crime

ECO 245 International Economics

ECO 327 Political Economy of Gender

ECO 333 Sustainability: Preserving the Earth

Specialization C: Forensic Financial Analysis

Required for all Specialization C students

ECO 101: Intro. to Econ. and Global Capitalism

ECO 220 Intermediate Macroeconomics

ECO 225 Intermediate Microeconomics

CJBS 101 Intro. to American Criminal Justice

LAW 202 Law and Evidence

STA 250 Principles and Methods of Statistics

ACC 250 Introduction to Accounting

ACC 307 Forensic Accounting I

ACC 308 Auditing

ACC 309 Forensic Accounting II

ACC 410 Seminar in Forensic Financial Analysis

Electives for Specialization C (select two)

ACC 264 Business Law

ACC 265 Digital Forensics for the Fraud Examiner

ECO 215 Economics of Regulation and the Law

ECO 235 Finance for Forensic Economics

ECO 330 Quantitative Methods for Decision Makers

ECO 360/SOC 360 Corporate and White Collar Crime

For questions regarding Specialization C: *Forensic Financial Analysis*, please see one of the following faculty members:

J. Hamilton, Economics Department Chair jhamilton@jjay.cuny.edu,

R. LaSalle, Accounting Professor and Specialization C Adviser rlasalle@jjay.cuny.edu,

F. Gerken, Accounting Professor fgerkens@jjay.cuny.edu.

Changes to the Economics Major

Frequently Asked Questions

Which version of the curriculum should I complete?

You should pick the curriculum that allows you to complete your degree in the shortest period of time. Continuing students have the option to take the old or the new curriculum as long as they are continuously enrolled. If they choose the new, they complete the declaration of major form sometime in the fall of 2013. Students who stop out for a year or more lose the choice and must complete the major in the new format.

I don't know what to do?

Don't panic! Contact the Major Coordinator, Professor Cathy Mulder: cmulder@jjay.cuny.edu, or any full-time faculty member of the Economics Department .. The Economics Faculty members are:

M. Dufour mdufour@jjay.cuny.edu

J. Hoffman jhoffman@jjay.cuny.edu

G. Dhondt gdhondt@jjay.cuny.edu

C. Mulder cmulder@jjay.cuny.edu

J. Hamilton jhamilton@jjay.cuny.edu

I. Seda iseda@jjay.cuny.edu

I can't find ECO 105: Understanding US Economic Data.

For spring 2013 this course will run as an "experiment" with the name ECO 199 Demystifying Economics Statistics. If you take this course as ECO 199 it will count for the new version of Economics Specialization A.

What happened to Specialization B: *Analysis of Economic Crimes*?

Specialization B was dropped from the curriculum because very few students were enrolling. The new *Specialization A* retains the same Economics courses and requires all *Specialization A* students to take at least one course in the Economics of Criminal Justice. Remember: if you entered John Jay before fall 2013 you can still complete *Specialization B*.

My Degree Works audit doesn't show all the classes listed above. What do I do?

Degree Works is often out of date and can be misleading. It is better to talk with one of the faculty members listed above.

I'm getting close to graduation and something seems wrong.

See Professor Hamilton or Professor Mulder. Both have the authority to make course substitutions and other actions that can help you graduate on time. A quick email can often be enough.

Which Specialization should I choose? What are the career options for Economics Majors?

That depends on your interests and career goals. It is best to talk with one of the faculty members listed above.

Specialization A provides a Liberal Arts curriculum with a thorough foundation in the study of Capitalism. Economics Majors go on to careers in a wide variety of occupations including: policy analysis, law, activism, business/finance, government/politics, or they go on to earn advanced degrees in related subjects. Economics graduates are highly sought after employees because Economics is recognized as a rigorous discipline emphasizing critical thinking. The new *Specialization A* emphasizes learning Economics in the context of history and the real world. Our program also emphasizes the development of writing and oral presentation skills.

Specialization C focuses on the study of fraud and "Economic Crimes." Students graduating from *Specialization C* go on to work for accounting firms, financial institutions, businesses, government watchdog agencies, law enforcement agencies, or law firms. *Specialization C* students may also continue their education with John Jay's Masters of Public Administration-Inspection & Oversight (MPA-IO) and a Graduate Certificate in Forensic Accounting to complete all the requirements to take the New York State Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. If you are interested in becoming a CPA please see the adviser for the MPA-IO & Graduate Certificate programs: Marie Springer mspringer@jjay.cuny.edu or one of the faculty listed as advising Specialization C.

I really like the *Economic Justice Cluster*, why can't I take more than two classes?

You can! Several courses appear in more than one cluster, so you can take more than two courses in the *Economic Justice Cluster*, but some will count for another cluster. For example, you can take AFR 250 for your *International Cluster*, ECO 280 for your *Public Sector Cluster*, then use AFR 322 or ECO 327 or ECO 333 for your *Economic Justice Cluster* and you will need two more electives, one from the *Criminal Justice Cluster* and your fifth can also come from the *Economic Justice Cluster*. Also, you are not limited to only taking five Economics electives. Any extra courses can be part of your "free college electives" – the credits you need to get to 120 for graduation. You can also use these "free college electives" to pursue a minor or just take classes you want.