FAQ

1. **How do I go about declaring an econ concentration?**

   By the time you declare your concentration (usually in the spring of Sophomore year) you should have completed most of the required courses (econ 0110, 1110, 1210, 1620/apma 1650, and econ 1629 or econ 1630). To declare economics as a concentration, you must complete a concentration declaration in ASK in which you must list all the courses you have taken and plan to take to meet the concentration requirements (including the math requirement). You must then meet with your faculty advisor before your advisor can approve it in ASK. If you do not know what elective courses you would like to take, your advisor can help you make those decisions. See here for a general list of the different areas or fields of study within economics and the elective courses we offer within each of those areas. (add link)

2. **What is the difference between econ 1620 and apma 1650?**

   The two courses are similar but not the same. Both cover probability and statistics, but apma 1650 provides a slightly more technical treatment of the subject and econ 1620 includes regression. For the joint concentrations, apma 1650 and econ 1630 are required. For the econ concentration, students can take either 1) 1620 followed by 1629 or 1630 or 2) apma 1650 followed by econ 1630. Note: Apma 1650 does not satisfy the pre-req for econ 1629 and not every class that requires econ 1620 as a pre-req will allow apma 1650 to satisfy the requirement as well.

3. **What is the professional track and who is eligible?**

   Professional track is the same as the economics track except that it also requires the completion of two internships as part of the concentration. The professional track is only for either international students interested in completing an internship in the US or US students interested in a non-paid internship in the US. No other students are eligible. See here for additional information (link to professional track page)

4. **Does the econ dept accept credit for AP econ, AP math, IB or A-levels?**

   As credit for econ 0110, the econ dept accepts AP econ (micro and macro) and also IB HL for econ. The dept does not accept A levels. We also accept BC Calculus (score of 4 or 5) and IB HL math for meeting the Math 100 requirement. If you have AP or IB HL, then you do not need to take any more math to fulfill the econ concentration requirements (though you might want to take more math for other reasons). Again, we do not accept A levels for math.

5. **What do I do if I want transfer credit for courses taught elsewhere?**

   Only Rachel Friedberg, the transfer credit advisor, can approve a course for transfer credit. Please see Professor Friedberg during her office hours with as much information that you have about the course. (add link)
6. **What is the new math for economists course?**

The course econ 0170 can be used to meet the math 0100 requirement for the concentration. The pre-req for the course is math 0900 (or AP AB calculus)