

**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

*Undergraduate
Handbook*

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1) WELCOME FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

On behalf of the entire Department of Economics at Northeastern, I would like to welcome you to our undergraduate program in economics! My name is Gustavo Vicentini. Besides being a professor in the Economics Department, I am also its Undergraduate Program Director (UPD). Each department at Northeastern has an UPD whose duty is to oversee its undergraduate curriculum.

The purpose of this **2023-2024 Economics Department Undergraduate Student Handbook** is to provide useful information to help you best navigate the economics program. Below you find information on relevant contacts and the different degrees and majors that our department offers. This handbook also includes a list of different student-run economics organizations, as well as details pertaining to many other resources and opportunities available to you as an economics student. The Handbook is also available on the Department of Economics [website](#).

Sincerely,

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2) USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

The Economics Department and its supporting staff are always here to assist you, so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. The following is a list of useful contact information:

- **Economics Department**
 - Main Office: 301 Lake Hall; 617-373-2882
 - Office hours (in-person at Lake Hall): 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday
 - Please visit the [department's website](#). It contains information such as economics-related events taking place at the University, news related to economics students and faculty, a list of all economics faculty and staff, links to student-run economics organizations, and many other resources.
- **Undergraduate Program Director (UPD)**
Professor Gustavo Vicentini (617-373-8427; g.vicentini@northeastern.edu; 307A LA)
- **Administrative Assistant** (primary contact)
Katie Thorp (617-373-2882; k.thorp@northeastern.edu, 301 LA)
- **Administrative Officer**
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- **Department Chair**
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For inquiries related to the PlusOne program: econplusone@northeastern.edu

- **Academic Advisors for Economics Majors**
The [undergraduate advising webpage](#) contains a list of all the CSSH academic advisors, including for economics. It also contains instructions on how to make an appointment with your advisor and other advising-related information. You should see your academic advisor for questions about the curriculum, majors and minor requirements, and for other academic or logistical matters such as changing your major, declaring a minor outside of economics, taking courses outside of Northeastern, and requesting a leave of absence. The economics academic advisors are:
 - Lingshewari Kakkanaiah (l.kakkanaiah@northeastern.edu; last name initials A-Go)
 - Emma Magadan (e.magadan@northeastern.edu; last name initials Gr-R)
 - Justin Repici (j.repici@northeastern.edu; last name initials S-Z)
- **Co-op Coordinators for Economics Majors**
The [Department](#) and [CSSH](#) co-op websites contain a list of all the CSSH co-op coordinators, including for economics. They also contain instructions on how to make an appointment with your co-op coordinator, and other information related to co-op. The economics co-op coordinators are:
 - Linnea Basu: (lbasu@northeastern.edu)
 - Stephen Williams (s.williams@northeastern.edu)
 - Rebecca Westerling (r.westerling@northeastern.edu)

3) ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ECONOMICS STUDENTS

This Economics Department Undergraduate Student Handbook is only one of the many resources available to you. Other important resources we encourage you to consult are:

- **University Undergraduate Student Handbook**
 - The **University Undergraduate Student Handbook** (as opposed to the **Economics Department Undergraduate Student Handbook**) includes the official University academic and other policies, such as the Code of Conduct, Academic Integrity Policy, University Regulations, and a guide to other campus resources.
- **Undergraduate Catalog**
 - The Undergraduate Catalog lays out the University’s official rules and regulations that undergraduate students are expected to follow. It also contains descriptions of all the undergraduate courses and degrees, including the **requirements** of each degree. Because the Catalog and degree requirements are **updated yearly**, the requirements to your degree are for the academic year that you declared your major. For example, if Fall 2023 is your first semester as a declared economics student, then your Catalog year is “2023-2024.” We recommend that you become familiar with the requirements for your degree within your specific Catalog year.
 - The entire **current** Undergraduate Catalog is at: <https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/>
 - There is a [section of the current Undergraduate Catalog that pertains to Economics](#) and the details of our program.
 - Past Undergraduate Catalogs can be found [here](#).
- **MyPAWS / DARS**
 - **myPAWS** (“My Personal Degree Audit Web System”) and **DARS** (“Degree Audit and Reporting System”) provide you with the requirements for your economics degree. The degree requirements shown in myPAWS and DARS should reflect the degree requirements listed in the Undergraduate Catalog. Additionally, myPAWS and DARS show how the classes you have taken to date are being counted towards your degree requirements. They also allow you to explore other majors/minors, to see how your completed classes might fit into those requirements. You may access myPAWS and DARS through your **myNortheastern portal**.
- **Undergraduate Course Offerings and Registration**
 - Information on [economics courses offered each term](#) is available on the Registrar’s Office website.
 - A complete [list of all courses offered by the Department of Economics](#) is available in the Undergraduate Course Catalog. Please note that not every course on this website is offered each semester; please refer to the Registrar’s website (immediately above) for a given term’s specific offerings.
 - [Instructions on how to register for courses](#) are available on the Registrar’s Office website. In each academic year, course registration opens in late March or early April for the **fall** term, early November for the **spring** term, and February for the **summer** terms.
 - Please note that most **classes have a cap on the number of students**. Some classes are capped at 19 and some are capped at 35, for example. You are not allowed to enroll in a class that is at its cap limit. If you were hoping to register for a class but it has reached its cap limit, you should add your name to the **class waitlist**. If a seat becomes available to you prior to the start of classes or during the add/drop period, the Registrar’s Office will inform you via email. You will then be given a **fixed time period** to add the class and, if you do not do so, you will not be given another opportunity until everyone else on the waitlist receives one.

Therefore, please monitor your email and the [Student Hub](#) carefully if you are on a course waitlist. For any questions related to course waitlists please reach out to the economics UPD (Professor Gustavo Vicentini) or Katie Thorp (Administrative Assistant, Department of Economics).

The Economics Department also has some additional guidelines regarding course registration and course planning:

- **The Department of Economics does NOT go over caps for either in-person or online sections.**
- Overrides for a course in another department need to be done by that department (even if you are an Economics major).
- Please work with your advisor to ensure transfer credits that may impact future registration are fully processed through the transfer credit team in Registrar's Office. Begin this process early. This also includes courses being transferred as AP credit. CSSH info on transfer credit can be found [here](#).
- Directed Studies require, as a first step, the submission of a proposal to the Economics Undergraduate Program Director and, next, the submission of an [individual instruction form](#). Repetition of Directed Studies is discouraged.
- Fed or Fiscal Challenge participation may **NOT count as Directed Study credit.**
- Directed Studies may **NOT** replace any course.
- If you are an Economics Minor and have taken a statistics course outside of the Economics department to meet a requirement of your (non-Economics) Major, you may **NOT** request to substitute ECON 2350, Statistics for Economists, as an Economics elective towards your Economics Minor requirements.
- If a recitation is required for your section of ECON 1115 or ECON 1116, please make sure you are registered for an associated recitation section. **If you are taking ECON 1115 and a recitation is required, you should also be registered for ECON 1125. If you are taking ECON 1116, you should also be registered for ECON 1126.** Recitation enrollment is required if you are registered for a Principles section with 100 or more students.

4) ECONOMICS DEGREES AND REQUIREMENTS

To obtain an undergraduate degree in economics, you need to meet certain **University** requirements, **CSSH** requirements, and Department of **Economics-specific** requirements.

University requirements

To obtain an undergraduate degree at Northeastern, including in economics, students must complete a minimum of **128 semester hours**. Given that most economics courses are four semester hours, it takes approximately **32 courses**, or **eight semesters** (with four courses per semester), to complete an economics degree. Because it typically takes somewhere between 16 and 22 *economics* courses to complete an economics degree (depending on the particular major that you choose), some of your 32 courses will be “general electives” outside of economics and/or courses related to a minor that you might be also pursuing.

All undergraduate students must also satisfy the **eleven NUPath designations**. Many economics courses already carry NUPath designations. Therefore, many of your NUPath requirements will be naturally satisfied as you progress through your economics degree. Additionally, please visit the [NUPath dashboard](#) for a list of all the courses that carry NUPaths.

CSSH requirements

All CSSH students, including students in the Department of Economics, are required to take at least one course that carries the **ELA** (Experiential Liberal Arts) designation. Two economics courses, namely ECON 2350 (Statistics) and ECON 2560 (Applied Economics), carry this designation. Given that most Economics degrees require these two courses, you are likely to naturally satisfy this requirement as you progress through your economics degree. Please note that cross-college students (for example, an Economics/Business combined major student whose home college is DMSB) are not required to satisfy this requirement; only within-CSSH students are.

Economics degrees and requirements

As an Economics student, you may pursue a “**sole**” **major** in economics (i.e., not combined with any other major) or one of its many **combined majors**. You may also pursue an **interdisciplinary major** with Politics and Philosophy. Some of these majors are **Bachelor of Science (BS)** degrees and some are **Bachelor of Arts (BA)**. You may also pursue a **BS/MS degree** through the “PlusOne” program. Finally, you may also pursue an Economics **minor**.

The “**sole**” **major BS degree** in economics is attained by completing **seven** economics “**core**” courses (listed below), **two supporting courses** (Calculus I and software proficiency), and **seven** economics **electives**. At most, two of the seven electives can be at the 1000 level, while the remainder must be “upper-level” electives at the 3000, 4000, or 5000 level. Most economics electives at the 1000 level have no course prerequisites, while the remaining (“upper”) electives have some combination of the Principles, Theory, and Statistics courses as prerequisites. Please note that 5000-level economics courses *are* open to undergraduate students and will count towards your economics degree requirements as an “upper-level” elective. The BS degree in economics is **STEM certified**.

The seven “core” courses are:

- Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 1116)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 1115)
- Microeconomic Theory (ECON 2316)
- Macroeconomic Theory (ECON 2315)
- Statistics (ECON 2350)
- Applied Econometrics (ECON 2560)
- Capstone/Senior Seminar (ECON 4692 or ECON 4997)

The “**sole**” **major BA degree** in economics is attained by also completing the **seven** economics “core” courses and the **two** supporting courses. However, only **five** economics electives are required, with no more than one at the 1000 level. One must also complete the [BA foreign language requirement](#). The BA degree in economics is also **STEM certified**.

There are many **economics combined majors** available to you. Some are BS degrees while others are BA. Most are STEM certified. Combined majors have requirements from both sides of the major, although altogether the requirements of a combined major typically add up to less than what the requirements would be if you were to pursue a double major in the two disciplines. If you are considering an economics combined major, it is recommended that you consult with your academic advisor or a faculty advisor to identify which combined major might best suit your interests.

The following table summarizes the economics combined majors available to you:

Economics combined with:	BS vs BA	STEM certified
Business Administration	BS	Yes
Environmental and Sustainability Sciences	BS	Yes
International Affairs	BA	
Mathematics	BS	Yes
Philosophy	BS	Yes
Psychology	BS	Yes
Political Science	BS	Yes
Political Science	BA	
Computer Science	BS	Yes
Data Science	BS	Yes
Cybersecurity	BS	Yes
History	BS	Yes
History	BA	Yes
Human Services	BS	Yes
Journalism	BS	Yes
International Business	BS	Yes

We also offer an **interdisciplinary BS degree**, called Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE), which provides a blend of these three disciplines.

You can learn more about the [combined majors on the Department of Economics website](#).

You may also pursue an [economics minor](#), which is attained by completing Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, either Microeconomic Theory or Macroeconomic Theory, and two Economics upper electives (at the 3000+ level).

Finally, you may pursue the “**PlusOne**” program, which allows you to graduate with not only a BS or BA degree, but also a **Master of Science (MS) degree in economics**. This is achieved by completing only one additional year of study. Specifically, at Northeastern, an MS degree in Economics requires **eight** graduate courses. Undergraduate students who enroll in the PlusOne program start to take some of these graduate courses in the last year of their undergraduate degree (say, their fourth year). These graduate courses can *double-count* towards your **undergraduate** degree requirements *and* your **graduate** MS degree requirements. You may then take the remaining graduate courses the following year in order to complete your MS degree in Economics. Further details about the economics PlusOne program can be found [here](#), on the Department of Economics website. More general information about [Northeastern’s PlusOne programs](#) can be found on the Registrar’s website.

For additional details on the **requirements** of each of the economics undergraduate degrees (“sole” economics major, combined majors, interdisciplinary, minor, or PlusOne), please visit the [Economics section of the Undergraduate Catalog website](#).

If you decide to **change your major** (from or to economics), please see the instructions on the [Registrar’s](#) webpage.

For any of the aforementioned Economics degrees, **grades** in the following four “core” courses must average to a minimum of C (2.000):

- Microeconomic Theory (ECON 2316)
- Macroeconomic Theory (ECON 2315)
- Statistics (ECON 2350)
- Applied Econometrics (ECON 2560)

Please note that none of the courses used to satisfy your degree requirements (including NUPath requirements) may be taken on a **pass/fail** (satisfactory/unsatisfactory) basis. Only University general electives can be taken pass/fail and only if the professor/department permits it.

You have the right to **appeal a grade** that you received for an assessment (e.g., a homework assignment, an exam, a paper) if you feel the grade is inaccurate or unjustified. The first step would be to speak to the instructor of the course. If your concern is not resolved, you may speak to the economics UPD, Professor Gustavo Vicentini. (If you are in Professor Vicentini’s class, you should bypass this step and contact Professor Robert Triest, Chair, Department of Economics.) If the matter is still unresolved, you should contact the Chair of the Economics Department, Professor Robert Triest. If the matter is not resolved within the economics department, you can further appeal to CSSH’s Undergraduate Academic Advisory Committee. You should contact your academic advisor in the Office of Student Academic Affairs (180 RP) regarding the process for submitting such an appeal. For additional information, please visit:

<https://cssh.northeastern.edu/resources/undergraduate-advising/>

We offer a [Plan of Study for each of the aforementioned economics programs](#). These plans lay out the suggested **sequence of courses** to take as you make progress through your degree. As a general rule, you should take the Principles courses first, as they build your economics foundation for most subsequent courses. Many other courses, including the Theory courses and several 3000-level electives, have the Principles courses as prerequisites. You should also take Statistics within your first year, as many other economics courses rely on data and statistical analysis to convey the knowledge and concepts within them. Moreover, Statistics is also a prerequisite to several other courses, including Applied Econometrics. For similar reasons you should also take Calculus I and the software proficiency course within your first year. Finally, we strongly recommend that you complete the two Theory courses (Micro and Macro) by the end of your second year.

Please note that you might be able to **take more than four courses** (16 credits) within a fall or spring term. However, to carry such an **overload**, you would need permission from CSSH's Office of Student Academic Affairs, and an additional tuition charge is likely to be required.

5) BUILDING YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE – MAKING THE MOST OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND FUTURE PLANNING

If you are planning to pursue either a **PhD** or a **Master's degree** in **economics** in the future, we recommend you take some of the more advanced courses listed below to be well prepared. Given that PhD-level economics has become highly mathematized in recent decades, some of these courses are in the Mathematics Department. Additionally, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Economics UPD (Professor Gustavo Vicentini) with any questions you may have about pursuing a doctorate degree in economics. The recommended courses are:

- ECON 4653 Mathematics for Economics
- ECON 4681 Information Economics and Game Theory
- ECON 5105 Math and Statistics for Economists
- ECON 5110 Microeconomic Theory
- ECON 5120 Macroeconomic Theory
- ECON 5140 Applied Econometrics
- MATH 1242 (or 1342) Calculus 2
- MATH 2321 Calculus 3
- MATH 2331 Linear Algebra
- MATH 2341 Differential Equations and Linear Algebra
- MATH 3150 Real Analysis

Students who qualify may want to consider joining the University [Honors Program](#). It can help challenge you and make you eligible for scholarships and grants otherwise not available to you. The Honors Program also runs social and cultural events and provides other opportunities for its members. Additionally, being an honors student can make your applications to graduate schools look more appealing.

In addition to the numerous “regular” four-credit courses offered each term, the Economics Department also offers certain **individual faculty-guided academic projects** for undergraduate students, such as:

- Directed Study
- Honors in the Major project
- Internship
- Research
- Teaching Assistantship

If pursuing one of these projects, you must first seek an Economics faculty member who will supervise you through the process. Next, under the guidance of the faculty member, you need to develop a proposal for your project. This proposal then needs to be approved by the UPD (Professor Gustavo Vicentini). Finally, an Individual Instruction Registration form needs to be submitted to complete the process for each of these opportunities, with the exception of a Teaching Assistantship. This registration form may be found at <https://registrar.northeastern.edu/article/individual-instruction-registration/>. Further details on each of these five academic opportunities is available at the **Appendix** below.

There are a variety of **undergraduate research opportunities** and **funding** available to Economics students. These opportunities include, for example, the **PEAK** program as well as department-specific opportunities. Details about these opportunities are available in several locations:

- [A PowerPoint presentation](#) about undergraduate research opportunities in the Economics department.
- Additional links from the Economics department: <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/economics/student-research/>
- Information from CSSH: <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/research/opportunities/>
- Information from the University's Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships: <https://undergraduate.northeastern.edu/research/>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Department for more information on these opportunities.

There are a number of University-sponsored **study abroad programs** available to you. You should always double-check which courses that you take abroad will count towards your degree requirements. Please note that ECON 4692 and ECON 4997 (Capstones) may not be taken abroad and ECON 2560 (Applied Econometrics) has a limited number of equivalencies abroad. For further details about Northeastern's study abroad programs, including a list of courses that can be transferred back in as credit, please visit the [Global Experience Office \(GEO\) website](#).

There are a number of **student organizations** associated with the Economics Department. Details on each of these organizations can be found at <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/economics/experiential-academics/student-organizations/>. A brief description is as follows:

- **[Econ Society](#)**: An economics interest group run entirely by undergraduate students. It consists of economics majors, minors, and anyone else that expresses an interest in economics. It meets weekly and is a venue for social activities, intellectual pursuits, and professional development.
- **[ECONPress](#)**: An editorial journal ran by Northeastern's undergraduate economics students and showcasing undergraduate research in economics. The journal receives economics papers from undergraduate students and evaluates whether to publish them based on whether they contribute to the existing body of research on a topic. ECONPress is a branch of Econ Society.
- **Federal Reserve Challenge Team**: This team is a branch of Econ Society and engages in external economics competitions including the College Fed Challenge, the Up to Us Competition, and the iOme Challenge.
- **Fiscal Challenge Team**: Like Fed Challenge, Fiscal Challenge is a competition team and a branch of Econ Society.
- **[Women in Economics](#)**: This organization aims to foster community for undergraduate women who are interested in economics at Northeastern and to showcase the more practical aspects of economics.
- **[Sustainable U Productions](#)**: A student initiative to promote sustainable and social change through film.
- **eMentors – [Peer Mentoring Program](#)**: The Peer Mentoring Program consists of upper-class economics students assisting incoming first-year economic majors transition to college life.
- **Iota**: Iota is the Northeastern chapter of the [Omicron Delta Epsilon](#). ODE is the International Honor Society for Economics Please reach out to the Department or visit the student organizations section of our website or more information about eligibility and opportunities

APPENDIX

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL FACULTY-GUIDED ACADEMIC PROJECTS

In addition to the numerous “regular” four-credit courses offered each term, the Economics Department also offers certain individual faculty-guided academic projects for undergraduate students, such as:

- Teaching Assistantship
- Internship
- Honors in the Major project
- Directed Study
- Research

If pursuing one of these projects, you must first seek an economics faculty who will supervise you through the process. Next, under the guidance of the faculty member, you need to develop a proposal for your project. This proposal then needs to be approved by the UPD (Professor Gustavo Vicentini). Finally, an Individual Instruction Registration form needs to be submitted to complete the process for each of the opportunities, with the exception of the Teaching Assistantship. This registration form may be found at <https://registrar.northeastern.edu/article/individual-instruction-registration/>.

The requirements and process for pursuing each of these individual instruction options is outlined below.

Teaching Assistantship (TA)

Becoming an undergraduate teaching assistant (TA) will provide you with a direct experience on the underpinnings of teaching a university-level course. It also will offer an alternative way to satisfy the **NUPath Integration Experience** requirement. There are certain requirements to becoming an undergraduate TA:

- Have earned a grade of A- or higher in the course that you are planning to TA
- Have an overall GPA of 3.33 or higher

Students interested in becoming a TA should contact the professor scheduled to teach the course during the semester prior to the one in which the course will be offered. The professor will then inform the UPD of your interest and confirm your eligibility. The student and professor then work together to prepare a short description of responsibilities (see below) to submit for final approval by the UPD. Once approved by the UPD, a specific **ECON 4965 Undergraduate Teaching Experience** course will be created in Banner for this particular TA project.

The TA-ship will count as a **four-credit** “upper-level” economics elective towards your economics degree. You will receive a **letter grade** according to your performance, and it will appear on your transcript. Additionally, the TA-ship will be billed at the same University tuition rate as any four-credit course.

Finally, please note that undergraduate **TA responsibilities** are limited to:

- Holding office hours;
- Light grading (includes grading true-false and multiple-choice components of exams and quizzes; excludes grading term papers, essays, and short answer questions on exams and quizzes);
- Maintaining the records for the course;
- Helping to proctor, but not administering on their own, exams and quizzes;
- Offering recitation/tutorial sessions; and
- Doing (very) limited lecturing/leading class discussion

Internship

You may pursue a faculty-guided internship. It must be off-campus. For example, it could be at a corporation, a non-profit organization, a government agency, a think-tank, or similar institution. The internship must be undertaken either in the fall or spring term as part of a full academic course load, and it should be treated as if it were one of your four courses during a regular term. The internship workload should be the equivalent of a 4-credit course, and as such must involve somewhere from 10 to 15 hours/week of work for about 13-15 weeks.

Certain **requirements** need to be met in order to do an internship:

- Applicant must have achieved junior status (a minimum of 64 credits).
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.00 or greater.
- Applicant must be pursuing an economics degree.

If you are presented with the opportunity to do such an off-campus internship, the first step is to identify an economics faculty who can supervise your internship. Under the direction of your supervisor, you should then submit a proposal to the UPD (Professor Gustavo Vicentini) a few weeks before the semester starts for approval. The internship should be directly related to economics, and this should be reflected in your proposal. A typical proposal would include the following items:

- The name of the workplace where the internship will take place.
- Name and contact information for the workplace supervisor.
- Name of the faculty supervisor.
- A description of the tasks and activities to be undertaken during the internship.

If your proposal is approved, you must then register for the “course” **ECON 4994 Internship**. Such registration must be done through the “Individual Instruction” option in the Student Hub portal. Upon successful completion of the internship you will receive 4 credits for it and it will count as an economics upper-level elective towards your degree requirements. As such, you will be billed for the internship at the regular 4-credit University tuition rate. Please note that it is not possible to receive credit for any of the “core” economics courses through an internship.

At the end of the internship, you should write a research paper summarizing the internship and describe how it related to economics. Your faculty supervisor will then give a letter grade that should reflect your performance and research paper.

Please note that **ECON 4994 Internship** satisfies the NUPath for **Integration Experience**, it cannot be taken on a pass/fail basis, and it cannot be repeated.

Honors in the Major project

Economics students who qualify may also want to consider obtaining an **Honors in the Major** distinction within CSSH. Please note that this opportunity is *separate* from the Honors Program, and is open to non-Honors Program students who qualify.

Honors in the Major is accomplished by successfully completing a research project under the guidance of an economics faculty through the course **ECON 4970 Junior/Senior Honors Project**, which is a 4-credit course and focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. Further details are available at: https://cssh.northeastern.edu/research/honors-in-the-major/#_ga=2.207631506.1474531115.1627060900-1630368791.1620653768

Directed Study

You may pursue a “Directed Study” under the supervision of an economics faculty. If such opportunity presents itself, you should register for either **ECON 4992 Directed Study** or **ECON 4996 Experiential Directed Study**.

ECON 4992 offers independent academic study, typically research, under the direction of an economics faculty. It is a four-credit course that counts as an upper-level economics elective. It may not be used as a substitute for economics core courses or for an economics elective that the economics department already offers. It is your responsibility to **identify a faculty member** who is willing to supervise your study. You must then develop, under the guidance of the professor, a proposal for your study. Next, such approval needs to be approved by the UPD (Professor Gustavo Vicentini). Finally, you need to register using an Individual Instruction Form, available through the Student Hub.

ECON 4996 is similar to ECON 4992, except that it additionally carries the **Integration Experience NUPath** designation. As such, it should **integrate experiential activity** with the topic of study that you pursue.

Research

For information on the many research opportunities available to economics students, please visit:

- PowerPoint presentation about research opportunities in the Economics department: <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/ugrad-research-2022-version-2.pptx>
- Additional links from the Economics department: <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/economics/student-research/>
- Information from CSSH: <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/research/opportunities/>
- Information from the University’s Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships: <https://undergraduate.northeastern.edu/research/>