Tufts Economics Credit Transfer FAQ for 2014-16

FAQ for All Transfer Credits – Applies to All Courses Not Taken in the Tufts Economics Department

Which courses will be approved by the Department of Economics?

- Economics courses that are similar in level and content to the courses offered by the Department.
- Economics courses taught by economists using material from the teaching and scholarly literature of economics.
- One introductory accounting course that is equivalent to Economics 3.
- One business law course that is equivalent to Economics 6.

The Economics Department does not approve transfers for courses that are primarily management, business administration, marketing or other business-related topics. If you believe that a course listed under a business heading is actually an economics course, you may petition for its acceptance by submitting a detailed course outline or syllabus to the Economics T of C Representative.

Current AS&E policy does not allow the transfer of online courses.

How much credit will I receive for each course?

The registrar determines the credit that will be given for courses taken elsewhere. Single courses in quarter or trimester systems usually receive less than one Tufts credit. Courses that span a full academic year usually receive two Tufts credits.

FAQ for Using Transfer Credits Toward any Economics Major or Minor

How many transfer credits may be counted toward an Economics major?

- One or two transfer credits for Principles of Economics plus two additional credits in economics or mathematics. Additional economics or mathematics credits count as credits toward the minimum credits for graduation.

Exception 1: Three economics or mathematics credits can be applied from year-long study abroad at Tufts in London – Oxford; Tufts in London - UCL or from the London School of Economics.

Exception 2: Students who transfer to Tufts may petition to use approved credits for all economics and Mathematics courses taken prior to matriculation at Tufts.

How many transfer credits may be counted toward an Economics minor?

- One or two transfer credits for Principles of Economics plus one additional credit in economics. Any additional economics credits count as credits toward the minimum credits for graduation

When does a transfer course qualify as a lower level elective?

- When it meets the level, content and instructor standards; and has Principles of Economics as a prerequisite.

When does a transfer course qualify as an upper level (100-level) elective?

- When it meets the level, content and instructor standards; and has Intermediate Microeconomics or Intermediate Macroeconomics as a prerequisite.

This FAQ is an elaboration of the credit transfer policies stated on the Department of Economics web site. (revised 2/20/2015)
FAQ for Using Transfer Credits Toward any Economics Major or Minor (continued)

How do you classify courses that have no prerequisites?

Some programs require the completion of particular courses in each year before any courses can be taken from the next year’s offerings. These required courses will be treated as prerequisites.

Courses that require no prior background in economics cannot be used as economics electives and may not fulfill IR economics requirements. They may be transferred and used as general graduation credit.

Can I use transfer courses as Core Courses (Ec 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, or 107) for Economics major requirements?

No. Not for any of these courses.

Rare exceptions may be made when it is impossible to complete an Economics major without taking a Core Course elsewhere. In this case, approval must be obtained from the Economics T of C Representative in advance of taking the course and the extenuating circumstances must be documented.

How will transfer courses be designated on my SIS record and transcript?

Economics courses from Tufts Study Abroad programs are generally assigned the number Ec 340 by the Registrar’s Office. Courses numbered as Ec 340 do not automatically count toward economics major or minor requirements and must be submitted for major equivalence review using SIS.

Courses from non-Tufts programs are assigned numbers that correspond to the equivalent courses at Tufts. If corresponding numbers are not available, they are designated as Ec 310 when they only qualify for graduation credit, Ec 320 when they qualify as lower-level major electives and Ec EC 330 when they qualify as upper-level major electives.

FAQ on Applying for Transfer Credit

How do I apply for transfer credit for non-Tufts courses?

Use SIS to submit a course for review. The submission must include a link to a course description or syllabus that shows any prerequisites, the general level of the course and the nature of the course content. AS&E transfer policies are detailed at: uss.tufts.edu/studyabroad/programsNonTufts/TransferCredit.asp.

How do I apply for transfer credit for Tufts Study Abroad courses?

Courses are transferred automatically, but do not automatically meet economics major or minor requirements. Courses must meet the qualifications given above to qualify as economics elective courses. Use SIS to submit a course for an equivalency review. The submission must include a course description or syllabus that shows any prerequisites and the general level of the course. The review will determine whether the course can count toward an economics major or minor and whether it qualifies as an upper level elective.

To whom should I address additional questions?

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