Tufts Economics Credit Transfer FAQ for 2019-20

This FAQ contains the credit transfer policies stated on the Department of Economics web site. (revised 8/31/2017) Page 1 of 2

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 quality 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.

Fletcher EIB Exxx courses with appropriate prerequisites. Fletcher EIB Bxxx courses will not be approved.

The Economics Department does not approve transfers for courses that are primarily management, business administration, marketing or other business-related topics. The Gordon Institute’s ELS program may approve transfers of some of these courses. 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 “Transfer/Equivalency” request following the steps outlined below.

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. As Tufts transitioned to a new semester hours system, one economics credit in our old system has become three or four semester hours in our new system.

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 approved credits from one semester of study abroad or three approved credits from two semesters of study abroad. Additional approved economics or mathematics credits may be transferred and will count as credits toward the minimum number credits for graduation.

Transfer Student Petition: Students who transfer to Tufts may petition to use approved credits for additional economics and mathematics courses taken prior to matriculation at Tufts. These courses must be comparable to Tufts economics courses in content and level.

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.
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. For example, 4th year courses in a four-year economics degree program are likely to be approved as upper-level (100+) electives.

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 one’s class has graduated and 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 an “Equivalency” review as outlined below. 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 economics electives and Ec 330 when they qualify as upper-level economics electives.

Using SIS to Apply for a “Transfer” Review or an “Equivalency” Review
How do I apply for transfer credit for non-Tufts courses?
On SIS, look under the “Courses” menu for the “Transfer/Equivalency” option and follow the steps shown to submit a course for review. The submission must include a link to a course description or syllabus that shows course prerequisites, level and content. General transfer policies for AS&E are available at: http://students.tufts.edu/study-abroad.

How do I apply to count Tufts Study Abroad courses toward my economics major or minor?
Tufts Study Abroad courses are automatically entered on your transcript for graduation credit. In order to use any of these courses toward any economics major or minor requirements they must be submitted for an “Equivalency” review. On SIS, look under the “Courses” menu for the “Transfer/Equivalency” option and follow the steps show to submit a course for review. The submission must include a course description or syllabus that shows course prerequisites, level and content. The review will determine whether a 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?
The Economics T of C Representative is Professor Drusilla Brown and her email is Drusilla.brown@tufts.edu.