


# Freshmen Orientation and Advance Registration

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# The Undergraduate Program and Rules for Scholastic Standing

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## Outline

- The UPSE
- Why an economics major?
- Overview of the BS Economics and BS Business Economics curricula
- The UP Grading System
- Rules on scholastic delinquency
- Rules on graduation and graduating with honors
- Other important notes

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## Economics: the “Just Right” Liberal-Arts Major

*“[Employers] want students who can think, communicate orally, write, and solve problems, and who are comfortable with quantitative analysis. They do not expect colleges to provide students with specific training in business skills.*

*The economics major provides the appropriate middle ground of skill preparation, analytic rigor, and intellectual excitement that students look for in a major, and that employers look for when hiring students.”*

- Colander, David, March 2009  
(<http://middlebury.edu/~econ>)

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## U.P. School of Economics

- The **UPSE** provides instruction leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics.
- Its Ph.D. program has an international reputation and its faculty has the country's largest concentration of economics Ph.D.'s, including two National Scientist and two Academicians. Nobel laureates, such as Simon Kuznets, Paul Krugman, and Douglass North, and other world-renowned economists, have lectured at the School.
- After 55 years of dedicated pursuit of excellence in the fields of teaching, research and public service, the UPSE has produced some of the country's prime movers in government, business, civil society and academia.

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## SE Baccalaureate programs

Designed to provide students with the basic tools of economic analysis, including quantitative methods, enabling students to think and communicate clearly about problems and issues, and preparing them for a wide range of jobs and graduate school options.

***BS Economics:*** A flexible liberal arts curriculum, which allows for 33 units of free electives, including the option to obtain a Minor

***BS Business Economics:*** Suitable for students who have already chosen to 'minor' in business management, with a focus on 'decision science'.

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## Overview of Curricula

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	BS Econ	BS BE
GE Courses	27	27
Legislated Course (PI 100)	3	3
Math/Stat/Accounting	7/3/6	7/3/6
Economics Courses	54 (13 required; 4 elec)	48 (13 required; 2 elec)
Free Electives	33 (with option for a Minor)	15
Finance/Managerial/BEcon		24
<b>TOTAL units</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>133</b>
<i>Other requirements: Math 20, PE (8 units), NSTP (6 units)</i>		

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## GE, PI, Math, Stat, Accounting

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General Education;  
Legislated course

Math, Stat, Accounting

- Econ 11
- SocSci 1/2; Philo 1; Kas 1
- Fil 40; Eng 13; Speech 30
- Arts 1;
- STS 1 or DRMAPS
- PI 100
- Math 21; Math 30
- Stat 101
- BA 99.1 and 99.2

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## Economics courses required of both BSE and BSBE (36 units)

- Econ 101\* (Macroeconomics I)
- Econ 102\* (Microeconomics I)
- Econ 106 \* (Elements of Mathematical Economics)
- Econ 131 \* (Quantitative Economics)
- Econ 121 (Monetary Economics)
- Econ 141 (International Economics)
- Econ 151 (Publics Economics)
- Econ 103 (Macroeconomics II)
- Econ 104 (Microeconomics II)
- Econ History elective (e.g. 109,111, 118)
- Econ 199 (Seminar)

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## Other Econ Course requirements

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| <p><b>BS Economics (18 units)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Econometrics Elective (132 or 138)</li> <li>▪ Econ 168 (Special Topics in Law and Economics)</li> <li>▪ Econ elective 1</li> <li>▪ Econ elective 2</li> <li>▪ Econ elective 3</li> <li>▪ Econ elective 4</li> </ul> | <p><b>BS Bus Economics (12 units)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Econ 132 (Business Forecasting)</li> <li>▪ Econ 163 (Law and Economics of Business transactions )</li> <li>▪ Econ elective 1</li> <li>▪ Econ elective 2</li> </ul> |
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## List of econ electives

- Econ History electives: 109, 111, 118
- Econometrics electives: Econ 132, 138
- Financial Econ: 122, 123
- Project Evaluation: 153
- IO, Managerial Econ: 161, 162
- Agri, Resource, Env: 171, 172, 178
- Health: 181, 186
- Development: 191
- Special Topics: 198

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## Free electives: 15\* + 18 (minor program\*\*)

\* 3 must have course number 100 and above

\*\* For BSE only.

[For BSBE, 24 units of F/M/BE courses are taken. See footnotes 1-5 of curriculum]

### Rationale

- To broaden student's perspective
- To allow student to pursue other personal interests
- To cultivate skills outside of their major fields
- To prepare student for a career after college

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## Minor program: three options

- **Option A: Minor taken in SE**  
(Subfield, 12-24 units)
  - **Option B: Minor taken outside SE.**
    - College of Education (18 units)
    - Institute of Mathematics (21 units)
  - **Option C (default): No minor**
- Advantage of a Minor*
- *Minor Program reflected in the student's transcript of records and certificate of graduation.*
  - *In the case of Minor in Professional Education, allows one to take the Licensure Exam for Teachers (LET)*

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## Note: Minor in Professional Education

- EDFD 116 Educational Psychology
- EDSSE 161 The Teaching of Social Studies (Principles and techniques of teaching)
- EDUC 100 Philippine Educational System
- EDRE 146 Tests and Measurements
- EDCS 101 Principles & Processes of Curriculum Development
- EDAD 102 Introduction to Educational Leadership and Administration OR EDFD 121 Introduction of Socio-Cultural Foundation/ EDSP 101 Special Education

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## Note: Minor in Mathematical Theory and Techniques

Prerequisites: Math 22, Elementary Analysis II; Math 23, Elementary Analysis III; Math 108, Foundations of Abstract Mathematics (Prereq: Math 21)

- Math 122 Differential Equations and Applications (Prereq: Math 22)
- Math 40 Linear Algebra (Prereq: Math 22)
- Math 150.1 Mathematical Statistics I (Prereq: Math 23)
- Math 150.2 Mathematical Statistics II\* (Prereq: Math 150.1)
- Math 123.1 Advanced Calculus I (Prereq: Math 23, 108)
- Math 126 Real Analysis (Prereq: Math 123.1)
- Math 162 Theory of Interest\*
  - Math 22 or Math 30

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## Minor program admission and retention requirements

- Completion of at least 2 semesters of residency
  - Good academic standing or GWA identified by SE
  - Endorsement by SE: A student will only be given ONE endorsement to enroll in a Minor Program throughout the duration of the bachelor's degree.
  - Acceptance by the Minor-offering unit (which may have other requirements)
- Retention
- Good academic standing.
  - Minor-offering unit may state additional retention rules.
  - Students who are not retained in their chosen minor programs shall be deemed to follow the **no-minor option**.

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## Other requirements (*not part of GWA*)

*"All students required to take Math 21 must have passed any of the following:*

- (1) High School Basic Calculus from the STEM or equivalent strand of K-12;*
- (2) Validation Examination for Math 20 (Precalculus: Functions and their Graphs) administered by the UPD Institute of Mathematics; or*
- (3) Math 20 as a non-credit course."*

- **Physical Education:** 8 units (4 courses)
- **National Service Training Program (NSTP):** 2 semesters \*
  - Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
  - Literacy Training Service (LTS)
  - Civil Welfare Training Service (CWTS) – for UPSE

*\*Cannot change NSTP host unit midway*

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## Note: CWTS

- **Semester 1:** lectures by various resource persons; showing of socially relevant movies
- **Semester 2:** 40 hours of public service, i.e. students are deployed to partner agencies (e.g., where activities could include tutorials for school children, development of library facilities in public schools)

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## Academic Load

- Typically, courses are 3 units each (3 hours per week)
- A minimum of 15 units is required per semester. Otherwise, one is disqualified from latin honors. (*UPD General Catalogue, p. 31*)
- "Overloading" means taking > 2+ prescribed for the semester, e.g.
 

Freshmen	max of 17/18 units
Sophomores/Juniors	max of 19-21 units
Seniors	max of 17 units
Graduating	max of 21 units
All students	max of 3 Econ courses
- To overload, students need consent from an Undergraduate Committee member

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## The UP Grading System

1.00	Excellent
1.25	
1.50	Very Good
1.75	
2.00	Good
2.25	
2.50	Satisfactory
2.75	
3.00	Pass
4.00	Conditional
5.00	Fail
DRP	Drop
INC	Incomplete

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## “Kwatro” (4.0)

- May be removed either by
  - Successful repetition of a course
  - Passing a re-examinations (removals) within 1 academic year
- if the student passes the re-examination, the student gets a grade of 3.0; otherwise, a 5.0
- if the student does not retake the course or does not take the removals exam, the grade of 4.0 becomes a 5.0 automatically

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## “INC”

- Given to a student whose class standing is “passing” but fails to take the final examination or fails to complete other requirements of the subject due to valid reasons (e.g., illness)
- The student has 1 academic year to complete the course requirements

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## Important Grade Averages

- **WAG** – Weighted Average grade  
Weighted average of all subjects taken that are credited in your curriculum.
  
- **EWA** – Economics Weighted Average  
Weighted average of all Economics subjects taken (excluding Economics 11).

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## University Rule on Scholastic Standing

A student is in good scholastic standing if at the end of the semester s/he obtains a final grade of "3" or higher in at least 75% of the total number of academic units in which s/he is registered.

*However, colleges may impose additional rules on "good scholastic standing" such as a minimum grade average or required number of units passed per semester/year.*

Source: UPD General Catalogue (<https://our.upd.edu.ph/acadcat.php>)

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## SE has *stricter* rules

- For determining scholastic standing
- For determining eligibility for graduation

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## SE Rules on Scholastic Delinquency

1. At the end of every semester, a student must have:
  - a. a cumulative EWA of no lower than 2.5 ,
  - b. a cumulative WAG of no lower than 2.5, AND
  - c. must obtain regular grades (i.e., not INCs nor DRPs) in at least 60% of the total number of units registered

Otherwise, he/she will be placed under **PROBATION** the following term. Probation may be removed by satisfying requirements (a), (b), and (c) at the end of the semester that the student was on probation. [Note: SE does not offer midyear courses]

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## SE Rules on Scholastic Delinquency

2. Any student who fails to satisfy (a), (b), and (c) at the end of the semester or midyear he/she was on probation will be **DISMISSED** from the SE
3. A student must pass Econ 106 and 131 within four (4) semesters of first enrolling in Econ 101 or 102, inclusive of the semester of first enrollment in either subject; 101 and 102 must also have been passed. Otherwise, he/she is dismissed from the SE

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## SE Rules on Scholastic Delinquency

4. A student must have a WAG and EWA of not lower than 2.5 at either the end of his/ her Junior Year or the midyear term of it, otherwise he/she is dismissed from the SE.
5. A WAG and EWA of not lower than 2.5 each is required for graduation.

Note: In exceptional cases the above rules on admission and scholastic delinquency may be waived by the Dean upon recommendation of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Performance

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## SE rules for computing EWA/WAG (for checking scholastic standing)

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- If a 4.0 is successfully removed by re-examination, only the final grade of 3.0 is included in the average
- If a 4.0 is successfully removed by re-enrollment, the average of 4.0 and the new grade is included in the average, *without doubling the number of units*
- If a subject with grade of 5.0 is re-enrolled and passed, the average of 5.0 and the new grade is included in the average, *without doubling the number of units*

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## Example- for scholastic delinquency

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### WAG

- You receive a grade of 4.0 in Math 21 which has 4 units.
- You retake Math 21 and receive a grade of 2.0.
- For purposes of determining *scholastic delinquency*, the grade/units that will enter into your WAG will be 3.0 weighted by 4 units (and not 8 units).

$$\blacksquare \frac{4.0+2.0}{2} = 3.0 \times 4 \text{ units} = 12$$

### EWA

- You receive a grade of 4.0 in Econ 131 which has 4 units.
- You retake Econ 131 and receive a grade of 2.0.
- For purposes of determining *scholastic delinquency*, the grade/units that will enter into your EWA will be 3.0 weighted by 3 units (and not 6 units).

$$\blacksquare \frac{4.0+2.0}{2} = 3.0 \times 3 \text{ units} = 9$$

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## Rules for graduating and graduating with honors

- To be eligible for graduation from the SE, a student must have a cumulative **ABSOLUTE MINIMUM WAG of 2.5 and EWA of 2.5**. These averages are computed in the regular manner (using University Rules).
- For purposes of determining University awards, Latin Honors and School Awards, the WAG and EWA, computed using University Rules, will be used.
- University Rule: in a case a course is taken twice due to a 4 or 5, the average of both grades received is computed using the total number of units

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## Using the same example

### WAG

- You receive a grade of 4.0 in Math 21 which has 4 units.
- You retake Math 21 and receive a grade of 2.0.
- For purposes of graduating, the grade/units that will enter into your WAG will be 3.0 weighted by 8 units.

### EWA

- You receive a grade of 4.0 in Econ 131 which has 3 units.
- You retake Econ 131 and receive a grade of 2.0.
- For purposes of graduating, the grade/units that will enter into your EWA will be 3.0 weighted by 6 units.

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## University Awards and Latin Honors

- University Awards: Undergraduate students who obtain at the end of the semester an absolute minimum weighted average of
  - “1.45” or better : University Scholar
  - “1.75” or better: College Scholar
  
- Latin Honors: Students who complete their courses with the following ABSOLUTE MINIMUM weighted average grade shall be graduated with honors:
 

Summa cum laude	1.20
Magna cum laude	1.45
Cum Laude	1.75

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## UPSE Awards (upon graduation)

- Dean's List: absolute minimum WAG of 2.00
- José Encarnación Jr. Award for Excellence in Economics: highest weighted average for all Economics courses taken (including Econ 11)
- Gerardo P. Sicat Awards for Best Undergraduate Research (top 3)
- FMAP Award for Best Undergraduate Research Paper in the area of Monetary or Financial Economics
- PENRED Award for Best Undergraduate Paper in Environment and Natural Resources

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## Other relevant rules on graduating with honors

- Students must have completed in the University at least 75% of the total number of academic units and must have been in residence for at least 2 years prior to graduation
- Students guilty of cheating/dishonesty shall be barred from graduating with honors.
- Students who have been suspended for 1 year or more due to misconduct as defined in various rules and regulations on student conduct are also barred from graduating with honors
- Students must have taken during each semester NOT LESS THAN 15 units of credit or normal load prescribed in the curriculum (with some exceptions. See UPD General Catalogue, Academic Information, p21)

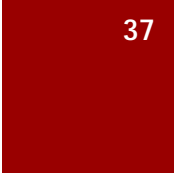
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## Note: Self-Advising

- Unless you are under probation, our rule is **SELF ADVISING**
  - "Rules apply automatically. Students need not be advise or informed. Ignorance of the rules is not an excuse."
  - Important sources of information: General Catalogue, SE 101, SE website
- That said, If you have any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to consult the Undergraduate Committee

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## Student Services


1. Guidance counselling
  - UPD PsycServe  
(<https://www.facebook.com/updpsycserv/>)
2. Student AID for freshmen
  - [publicaffairs@econ.upd.edu.ph](mailto:publicaffairs@econ.upd.edu.ph).

Default: College Secretary or Undergrad Committee

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## Welcome and good luck!!



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