

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

### FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

#### Freshman/First Time in College (FTIC) Students

A student's first year in college is the most important. Success in the first year is an indicator on how a student will do for the rest of their college career. Because of this, we, as academic advisors, pay close attention to this population of students. This includes requiring our First Years to meet with us before they can register for the next semester courses.

An Academic Advising (AA) Hold is placed on all Freshman accounts mid-term. In order to remove this hold, and be able to register for courses, these students must meet with their major advisor to discuss an academic plan, current grades, and career goals. Students should plan in advance each semester scheduling their [advising appointment](#).

AA Hold meetings are most effective when students come prepared to discuss their mid-term grades, what struggles they are currently facing academically, what courses they wish to take in the upcoming semester, and any other questions they may have. This will help to foster that all important relationship with your advisor that will last throughout your career at USF.

#### 2+2 Program: Students Transferring from a Florida Community or State College

Completing your Bachelors degree within four years and with the least number of extra courses is important for students, especially for financial aid purposes. Below is the expected coursework a Florida Community College or State College student pursuing an Economics degree **should complete** while earning their Associate of Arts (AA):

- Economics (ECO 2013 and ECO 2023)
- Statistics (STA 2023)
- Calculus (MAC 2233 OR MAC 2311)
- Foreign Language — two semesters

#### Foreign Language Graduation Requirement for B.A. Students

In addition to the foreign language entrance requirement (as required by FS 240.233) all students applying for a Bachelor of Arts degree from USF must demonstrate competency in a foreign language. To demonstrate this competency, students may take either two semesters of a beginning college-level foreign language or one semester of a higher-level course and earn a letter grade of "C" (no "S" grades) or above in the appropriate level course or demonstrate equivalent competency by passing an examination. Languages should be selected from among the ones listed below:

- **Classical Languages:** Greek (Ancient), Greek (New Testament), Hebrew (Classical), Latin
- **Modern Languages:** Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek (Modern), Hebrew (Modern), Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish
- **American Sign Language:** Is currently approved for Economics Majors (please follow up with [Economics Department Advisor](#) to verify any changes)
- **Testing options can be found here:**
  - CLEP: <http://www.usf.edu/testing-services/test-options/clep.aspx>
  - Placement Test: <http://languages.usf.edu/foreign/>

Having these courses completed before transferring will put you on path to graduate within two years.

### **Apply to USF Admissions**

You can find more information at the USF Transfer Admissions Website. There are no additional admissions requirements to declare a major in the Economics Department; once you are accepted to the University, you will have the opportunity to declare an Economics major. Application deadlines are as follows:

- Summer: March 1st
- Fall: June 1st
- Spring: October 1st

USF Exam equivalency information: <http://ugs.usf.edu/credit-by-exam/>