

**Preregistration Advice
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Economics and Business Department**

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General Information

Pre-registration runs from Monday, April 6th through Friday, April 24th. More information can be found [here](#) on the Registrar’s website.

Website

The department website has all the information in this document, plus more, under [Student Resources > Preregistration & Advising](#). The website includes:

- A printable version of the course grid. You can also find the department schedule on the Economics & Business website [here](#).
- An alternative format of the course grid that lists courses by course category, so you can easily see when a particular course is offered, including when Social Issues courses are offered for BESoc.
- Printable versions of the major requirements and printable checklists to track progress.

New Versions of BESoc and Economics Majors

Business, Economics, and Society (BESoc)

There are now two versions of the BESoc major: 2020 and 2025.

- **First-year students entering Fall 2025 should complete the 2025 version of BESoc.**
 - Exception: First-year students planning to graduate in three years should complete the older 2020 version. They must have documentation added to their Stellic by Kieran or Gretchen in the Advising Hub confirming they have a reasonable three-year graduation plan in order to be granted the exception from the 2025 version.
- **All other students should declare the 2020 version of BESoc.**
 - In 2020 BESoc, students can now take BU311 *or* EC303 to fulfill the requirement.
- **IMPORTANT! In Stellic make sure you have the right version (see above):** Declared majors, email Christina Rader or Kat Miller-Stevens if the version is not correct. Undeclared majors can change the version themselves.
- See the BESoc section later in this document for more details.

Economics Major

There are now two versions of the Economics major: 2021 and 2025.

- **All students who have yet to declare should complete the 2025 version.**
- **Students who are already declared in the 2021 Economics major may switch to the 2025 version.**
 - To switch, the student or advisor should email Kat Miller-Stevens and Christina Rader and they will make the change in Stellic.
- The changes from the 2021 to 2025 version are:
 - BU205 is no longer required (please note, students who have already taken BU205 cannot count this course as an elective in the 2025 version of the Economics major)
 - For Part E of the major, students do not have to take an elective from the “Economics Major Part E” list. Instead, they are required to take *any* 5 economics electives in total: 4 of the courses must be at the 300 or 400-level. One can be at the 200 level.

Courses with Multi-Day Field Trips

EC255/PS203 Intermediate Topics in Microeconomics: Racism, Dispossession and the Global Economy, Block 3

Students must apply in Summit: Global Ed and Field Study at this [link](#) by the last day of Block 7 at midnight (April 15). Students will be notified by the first day of block 8 at 5 pm (April 20) about whether they were selected for the course or not.

The third week of the Block will be spent on America's Civil Rights Trail in Mississippi / Alabama / Tennessee, meeting with activists and community leaders who preserve that legacy while advancing racial justice. Participation will require cultural sensitivity and maturity to represent the College well in those themes and places.

The course fee is \$717.50.

- The course fee covers lodging, meals, and transportation between cities.

- Students are responsible for arranging and paying for their own airfare, transport to and from the airport and arrival and departure hotels, and meals while in transit to and from the arrival and departure hotels.
- Financial aid is available. Based on the Financial Aid office's determination, aid may cover some or all the course fee, airfare, transport, and meals.

BU121 Social Entrepreneurship, Block 4

Please note that BU121 has a 4 day/3-night field trip to Baca during the first week of the block. Please reach out to Celeste Diaz Ferraro with any questions about the field trip timing.

Summer and Half Block

You can register soon for Summer Courses - listed below:

Block A:

- BU110 Capitalism and its Criticisms with Tim Nguyen (remote)
- BU205 Principles of Financial Accounting with Andrea Golfari (remote)

Block B:

- BU225 Business Anthropology with Tim Nguyen (remote)

Block C:

- BU225 Design Your Life with Lora Louise Broady (remote)

Costs for Course Materials

Some of our courses include costs to students, such as a seat license for cases, online learning materials, software or simulations, and textbooks. Note that CC's cost of attendance estimate for financial aid includes [\\$155 per block for books](#) and that students should plan ahead to cover this cost from their financial aid award or family contribution – the department is prohibited by college policy from covering these costs.

Advising Office Hours - By Appointment

The Economics and Business Department will offer office hours during the preregistration period by appointment with Christina Rader, Associate Chair. These office hours are primarily for undeclared future majors, though declared majors are also welcome. To book, please email Christina Rader (crader@coloradocollege.edu).

Reminders

Thesis Registration is Open

- Rising seniors need to register for thesis by Wednesday April 8th. Information on thesis registration can be found [here](#). The form to register for thesis can be found [here](#). If students have questions about thesis, please send them to Christina Rader.

Study Abroad / Study Away

- All requests for transfer credits from study abroad must go through Summit. If you're curious to know when/whether approved transfer credits will show up in Stellic, here is

what the Registrar told us: “When we receive the official transcripts from study abroad, we review the student’s Summit application for approval comments. If the note of approval is clear and the student’s requirement shows missing, we will make the exception when we process/post the transfer credit to the student’s record. If the approval note is unclear or if the student’s requirement appears to have already been met, then we place a general note that we received the transfer credits but are unable to update the audit accordingly. In these cases, it would be up to the student/advisor to review and if applicable, request for the exception in Stellic. The general Notes are made visible to the student as well to help remind them.”

- Some study abroad courses have already been approved to count towards majors in our department. You can find those courses in the CC Course Approval Database found [here](#).

Transfer Credit

- Department policies on transfer credit, including AP and IB are [here](#).

Stellic

- If you encounter any issues with Stellic not counting courses properly in the major, please email Ashley Belton, Christina Rader, and Kat Miller-Stevens to notify them of the problem.

Declaring A Major

- Students should declare their major by the end of sophomore year. Students should follow the instructions [here](#) to declare their major.

For Specific Majors

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- ***BU201 Introduction to Business and Society.*** This new course does not apply to the major for students graduating in 2026, 2027, or 2028. It is designed specifically for students starting in the revised version of the major who start as first years in Fall 2025 or later.

- **EC303 Option:** Students have the option to take EC303 Econometrics to fulfill the requirement for BU311 Data, Math, and Modeling (BESoc 2020) or BU318 Business Analytics (BESoc 2025).
- **Social issues list:** The list of social issues courses is available on the website, [here](#).
- **Social issues petition:** If a student wishes to petition for a course to count as social issues, follow the instructions [here](#).
- About the BESoc 2025 version:
 - Courses specific to the new version of the major will not be offered until 2026-2027 or later
 - First-year students who have a need to declare their major before the BU201 prerequisite is available in 2026-2027 should send an email to the Kat Miller-Stevens and Christina Rader explaining their reason, which would typically be related to factors like immigration, study abroad, or scholarship applications. The department intends to grant exceptions to all reasonable requests. Students who get the exception to declare early will still need the BU201 prerequisite before enrolling in courses that require it.
 - Changes to the 2025 BESoc major:
 - Requires BU201, Introduction to Business and Society
 - Replaces BU311 with BU318 and BU319, Business Analytics and Qualitative Research Methods
 - Changes Required Business courses to require two from BU315, BU316, BU326, and BU329
 - Removes Social Issues and replaces with simpler electives requirement
- **Stellic issue:** Undeclared students who add an unofficial major automatically end up in the 2025 major, but only new first years should get that version. Additionally, when students declare, they may get reverted to the 2020 version even if they were already in the 2020 version. Christina or Kat can correct that reversion if you email them. The department has asked for help from the Registrar and is monitoring this issue.

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economics electives in total: 4 of the courses must be at the 300 or 400-level. One can be at the 200 level.

International Political Economy Major

- ***Changes to the IPE Major:***
 - Students who declare in 2025-2026 or later must take either PS236 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PS306 Democracy and Markets. Students who declare the major prior to 2025-2026 may take one course in the Comparative Politics or International Relations subfield to fulfill this requirement.
 - Students entering CC in AY 2024-25 or later (graduating class of 2028 and beyond) must take PS209 (Introduction to International Relations) as their introductory IR course. Students who entered CC prior to AY 2024-25 (graduating classes of 2027 and previous) may take either [PS209](#) (Introduction to International Relations) OR PS225/[PS340](#) (Conduct of US Foreign Policy) as their introductory IR course.
 - The course number for Conduct of US Foreign Policy was PS225 prior to AY 2024-25, and changed to [PS340](#) as of AY 2024-25. Students in this category may choose to take both PS209 and PS225/[PS340](#). In qualifying circumstances where students take both courses, [PS209](#) (Introduction to International Relations) will count as the introductory IR course and [PS225/PS340](#) (Conduct of US Foreign Policy) will count as an upper-level IR elective.
- ***Political Science Schedule:*** The schedule for political science can be found [here](#).

Mathematical Economics Major

- ***Mathematics Required Courses:***
 - Students who need to take MA217 can now take MA217 *or* MA237 to meet that requirement.
 - Students who have AP credit for MA117 must take MA237 to fulfill the MA217/MA237 requirement (they should not take MA217 because the content between AP Stats and MA217 is too similar).
 - Students who took MA117 in AY2022-23 or earlier may count it towards the 2023 Mathematical Economics major and may also use it for the MA217 prerequisite for EC403.
- ***Mathematics Electives:***
 - Students are now required to take MA221 instead of MA220. The course content from MA220 is now offered in MA221 Advanced Linear Algebra. MA220 is no longer offered. Students who took MA220 prior to AY24-25 can use MA220 to meet this requirement.
 - If a student has taken MA217, MA237 may count as an elective.
- ***Economics Electives:***
 - Any 300- or 400-level EC elective will now fulfill the economics elective requirement of the major.
- ***Mathematics & Computer Science Schedule:*** The schedule for Mathematics and Computer Science will be posted on their department website when it is available.

Other Information

Petitions and Requests for Credit

Students may engage in three types of petitions and requests for credit: (1) Requests for credit from transfer, study abroad, or AP/IB; (2) petitions for substitutions or exceptions to major requirements; and (3) petitions for Social Issues courses for the BESoc major. Each is handled differently, following the procedures below.

1. Requests for Credit from Transfer, Study Abroad, or AP/IB

[This web page](#) details the processes for requesting credit. All requests for transfer credit from **study abroad MUST start in Summit**, not by email. Other requests for transfer credit, such as requests for transfer credits from a previously attended school, should be emailed to Professor Kristina Acri and **must include the course syllabus**, not just the course description or title. Requests for transfer credits related to math courses in the Economics & Business majors (for example, MA117 or MA125) need to be sent directly to the Mathematics and Computer Science Department.

2. Petitions for Social Issues Courses in the BESoc Major

If you wish to petition for a course to count as social issues, follow the instructions [here](#) (file download).

3. Petitions for Substitutions or Exceptions to Major Requirements

Petitions for substitutions or exceptions to major requirements should be emailed to the Chair, Professor Kat Miller-Stevens, using the process and template below. ME majors: If the petition concerns the Math portion of the ME major, the student should start by getting the petition approved in the Math department by reaching out to the chairs of the department, Professor Luis Garcia Puente and Professor Janet Burge. IPE majors: if the petition concerns the Political Science portion of the IPE major, the student should begin by reaching out to the Political Science Department.

Instructions to students: In order to petition for a substitution or exception to major requirements, you will need to get your advisor's support (in writing -- an email from them to the Chair, Professor Kat Miller-Stevens, would be fine) and write up a request for the department to consider. In your petition you should explain:

- what you are requesting
- why the request is being made
- how this will benefit your academic, personal or professional goals
- any other relevant information

Once Professor Miller-Stevens has received the petition, she will forward it to the petitions committee for a vote. This is usually a process that takes a few days to a week. Given that the outcome is uncertain, you should submit the petition as soon as possible.

Other factors to consider when submitting a petition:

Since all our majors include reasonable choice for students, exceptions and substitutions will only be considered in the case of 'dire emergencies'. We define dire emergencies as including:

- Departmental changes to the course schedule after students have registered for courses, whether our own department or a study abroad program; or
- Student excused (Y) withdrawal from a course that would have fulfilled a requirement (e.g. concussion, death in the family), or an equivalent circumstance that led to a student dropping a required course rather than an excused withdrawal; or
- Incorrect advising from a faculty member, the Registrar, or the Advising Hub, documented in writing, upon which a student relied and which cannot be resolved without significant pain for the student.

We do not believe that the following constitute dire emergencies, so in the future we will not deliberate on or grant exceptions or substitutions where:

- A student is a double major (or minor) so "it would be easier for them if we..."; or
- A Study Abroad program makes it inconvenient for them to complete the major requirements within their original plan (whether those exceptions are courses at CC or elsewhere); or
- A student independently assumed that credits would count or transfer, so is asking retroactively.

Students who wish to graduate in less than four years should document their efforts to do so, via declaring on time, planning courses appropriately, and having a credible plan to graduate early. We encourage students to use Stellar for these purposes.