Economics, BA

Honors

Honors in the Major

Graduation with honors in economics recognizes high scholastic achievement based on grades and on completion of academic work beyond the requirements of the economics major. Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.50 in all college coursework attempted, all coursework attempted at the University of Iowa, all college economics coursework attempted, and all economics coursework attempted at the University of Iowa. They must also successfully complete an honors thesis under the supervision of a faculty member.

Students begin by completing BUS:1999 Introduction to Research in Business at least three semesters prior to graduation. This course introduces students to research in the college and provides an opportunity to develop thesis questions and meet Tippie College of Business faculty members engaged in research. They must also complete ECON:3100 Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON:3150 Intermediate Macroeconomics, and ECON:3300 Introduction to Econometrics: Causal Inference With Data before commencing thesis work.

After identifying a faculty member to advise them on their thesis and completing the coursework listed, students register for ECON:4999 Honors Thesis in Economics for two semesters while they complete their research and write their thesis. In the second semester of their thesis, students present their research in a poster format at the Undergraduate Research Festival.

Students interested in graduating with honors in economics should visit the department's honors advisor at least three semesters prior to graduation.

University of Iowa Honors Program

Completing the economics honors requirements also satisfies the experiential learning requirement for the University of Iowa Honors Program. To learn more about graduating with honors through the UI Honors Program, visit the Honors at Iowa website.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the economics major.