

Department of Economics

**SPECIALIZATION IN ECONOMICS**

The Specialization in Economics requires at least **60** credits in Economics. It is taken as part of a four-year degree requiring **120** credits in total. Refer to the Laurentian University Calendar for additional information.

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| **REQUIRED ECON COURSES**The required courses come to **33** credits and the recommended sequence for taking them is as follows: (Some exceptions – notably, taking ECON 2016 & 2017 earlier – are possible.)**First Year*** ECON 1006 & 1007

**Second year*** ECON 2006 & 2007
* ECON 2127
* ECON 2136

**Third Year*** ECON 2016 & 2017
* ECON 3466

**Fourth Year*** ECON 4006
* ECON 4007

**ADDITIONAL ECON COURSES*** Students must also take at least **27** credits of ECON electives. Of these **27** credits, at least **15** credits must be 3000 or 4000 level courses.
 | **GENERAL REGULATIONS*** The maximum number of **1000-level credits** which may be applied to the degree program is **42**.
* Students must successfully complete at least **6** credits from Humanities and at least **6** credits from Sciences.
* For the specialization, students must take a minimum of **60** ECON credits and a maximum of **78** ECON credits.
* The Registrar’s office treats STAT 1056, STAT 2126 and STAT 2246 as equivalents. Students will not receive credit for more than one of the three courses.
* Although only a grade of only 50 percent or higher is required to pass a course, students must achieve an overall average of 60 percent or higher to graduate, and also receive an overall average of 60 percent or higher for ECON credits.
* The specialization is one of four types of modules offered at Laurentian University. The other three types are majors requiring a minimum of 42 credits, concentrations requiring 36 credits, and minors requiring 24 credits. For a four-year degree, the specialization can be taken alone, or it can be combined with a major or with one or two minors.
* The specialization cannot be taken as part of a three-year degree requiring 90 credits in total.
* Students can take a four-year degree without doing a specialization. A four-year degree could combine two majors, or a major and one or two minors.
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The Specialization in Economics has long been the most common module for Economics students taking a four-year degree. It provides the student with a strong background in Economics that is useful for a range of careers. Furthermore, students who do well in the courses for the Specialization in Economics have the background to complete an M.A. in Economics or related disciplines. (Students contemplating graduate studies should consult with the Department Chair as early as possible.)