

HBA/Economics Combined Degree Program

The combined degree programs are administered on behalf of the Richard Ivey School of Business and the Department of Economics in the Faculty of Social Science.

The combined program is a five-year program leading to a BA in Honors Business Administration (HBA) and a BA (Honors) in Economics in one of the Honors Specialization modules offered in the Department of Economics: Economics Honors Specialization, Global Economics Honors Specialization, or Economics, Politics and Philosophy Honors Specialization. In Years 1 and 2 students are registered in the Department of Economics and follow the normal curriculum for the Honors Specialization module. In Year 3, students are registered in the HBA program. Students are registered in the combined program in Years 4 and 5. Admission requirements for the combined program are outlined below.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for consideration for admission to the combined program, in the first two years students must complete a minimum of 10.0 courses including Business Administration 2257. In Year 1 they must complete the admission requirements as specified in the current Academic Calendar for entry into an Honors Specialization module offered by the Department of Economics.

In Year 2 students must enroll in an Honors Specialization in the Department of Economics and satisfy the minimum progression requirements for the second year of that Honors Specialization. Under certain conditions students who in Year 2 enroll in a Major in Economics as part of an Honors Double Major may be eligible for admission to the combined degree program, but they will have to transfer into an Honors Specialization module in the Department of Economics if they are accepted into the combined degree program. Such a transfer is only possible if they have taken the requisite courses and received the marks needed to transfer into an Honors Specialization module and are able to complete all the requirements of the combined degree program for that module.

In the first two years students must attain a minimum two-year rounded average of 78%, a minimum mark of 70% in Business Administration 2257, and no mark less than 60%. In addition, students must attain a minimum weighted rounded average of 78% in the first year of the HBA.

Students apply for the combined degree program during the HBA 1 year, typically their third year of University. Applications to the combined program must be made in writing to the Undergraduate Coordinator of the Department of Economics and to the HBA Program Office by the deadlines published by the Richard Ivey School of Business. Entrance to the program may be limited.

Year 1

5.0 courses including:

- Economics 1021A/B and Economics 1022A/B (or Economics 1020)
- Calculus 1000A/B or 1100A/B
- Students who plan to enroll in the Economics, Politics and Philosophy Honors Specialization must take Political Science 1020E
- Completion of first-year requirements with no failures. Students must have an average of at least 70% with no mark less than 60% in 3.0 principal courses, including an average of at least 70% with no grades less than 60% in Economics 1021A/B, Economics 1022A/B, Calculus 1000A/B or 1100A/B, and, for students in the Economics Politics and Philosophy module only, Political Science 1020E.
- Students in the Global Economics module are advised to take courses in Year 1 towards fulfillment of this module's language requirement

Year 2

- For students in the Economics HSP:
 - 3.0 courses—Economics 2220A/B, 2221A/B, 2222A/B, 2223A/B, 2260A/B, 2261A/B
 - 1.0 course—Calculus 1501A/B (Calculus 1301A/B with a mark of 85% will be allowed as a substitute) and Linear Algebra 1600A/B; if either or both of these was taken in Year 1, then other courses that fulfill the requirements of the Economics HSP module can be taken in Year 2
 - Business Administration 2257
- For students in the Global Economics HSP
 - 3.0 courses—Economics 2220A/B, 2221A/B, 2222A/B, 2223A/B, 2260A/B, 2261A/B
 - 1.0 course toward the requirements of the Global Economics module (language is recommended if the language requirement has not yet been met)
 - Business Administration 2257
- For students in the Economics, Politics and Philosophy HSP
 - 2.5 courses—Economics 2220A/B, 2222A/B, 2223A/B, 2260A/B, 2261A/B
 - 1.0 course—Political Science 2237E; or both of Philosophy 2500F/G and Philosophy 2801F/G
 - 0.5 course toward the requirements of the Economics, Politics and Philosophy module
 - Business Administration 2257

Year 3 (HBA1)

- Business 3300, 3301, 3302y, 3303, 3304, 3307, 3311, 3316 (7.5 credits total)

Year 4

- 2.5 courses normally taken in the third year of the chosen Honors Specialization module in the Department of Economics, including
 - at least 0.5 course toward the requirement of 1.0 course in Economics at the 2200 or 3000 level with an F/G designation;
 - students in the Economics HSP: Economics 3320A/B and 3382A/B;

- Business Administration Core Requirements 4415q, 4466a, 4505a, 4430 or 4410 (2.25 credits total)
- 1.0 Business Administration elective credits chosen from 4000-level courses

Year 5

- 1.0 senior research/thesis course (Economics 4400E)
- 2.0 additional courses from the chosen Honors Specialization module in the Department of Economics
 - students in the Economics HSP must take Economics 3388A/B (recommended but not required for students in the other two modules)
 - completion of all additional requirements for the chosen module
- 1.5 Business Administration elective credits chosen from available 4000-series courses.
- 0.5 other electives at the 2000 level or higher
- all other breadth and essay requirements for graduation must be completed by the end of year 5

Program Requirements

Students registered in the combined program are expected to abide by all guidelines associated with each of the individual programs.

Progression Standards

Students in the combined program must meet the progression standards of each Faculty or School. Students enrolled in HBA1 (Year 3) must attain a minimum weighted average of at least 78%. In Years 4 and 5, students must attain a minimum weighted average of 75% in their 4000 level HBA courses. They also must attain a minimum average of 75% in their Honors Specialization module and meet all other progression requirements of the Honors Specialization module in which they are enrolled.

Failure to Meet Progression Standards

A student who fails to meet the combined program progression standards in any year must withdraw from the combined program. However, a student who has met the progression standards of either the HBA or Economics program will be allowed to proceed to the next year of that program. If the progression standards of both individual programs have been satisfied, the student may continue in either program and may petition the School or Faculty whose program was not selected for permission to complete that program at a later date. A student who is required to withdraw from the combined program and wishes to pursue either of the individual programs or both programs through a concurrent degree, must complete all the degree requirements of the individual program or concurrent programs in order to graduate from that/those program(s).

Dean's Honor List

At the Richard Ivey School of Business, students are considered for the Dean's Honor List during their first year of HBA. Students enrolled in Years 4 and 5 of the combined program are considered for the Dean's Honor List in Year 5 only. Only grades obtained in 4000-level Business courses will be used in calculating averages for the purposes of determination of Dean's Honor List standing. Courses taken outside the Business School are excluded. Calculations for Ivey Scholar and Gold Medals are completed in the same way.

In Social Science, students will be considered for the Dean's Honor List in the usual way in Years 1 and 2, and at the end of Year 5 by considering all Social Science courses that have been taken in Years 4 and 5. Students who take at least 2.0 Social Science courses in Year 4 will be considered for the Dean's Honor List in that year on the basis of those courses.

Graduation

Upon completion of this combined program, students will receive an Honors BA degree and a BA in Honors Business Administration.

Graduation with Distinction

Eligibility to graduate "With Distinction" for each degree is determined by each Faculty.

International Exchange Programs

Students in the combined HBA/Economics degree program may be eligible to participate in academic exchange programs. Interested students should discuss exchange options with the HBA Program Office and Economics Undergraduate Coordinator.

Fees

Students pay the prevailing fees as determined by the University policy on combined programs. Contact the Office of the Registrar for details.