

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Pre-requisites and preclusions

Question 1	I do not have enough level 4000 elective modules to take because of their pre-requisites. If I am on the Honours track, can I take modules where I do not have all the pre-requisites?
Answer 1	Except for modules like EC4101, EC4102, EC4401 and EC4460, you may submit an appeal via CORS (Centralised Online Registration System) for waiver of the pre-requisites. However, if an approval is granted, the pre-requisite waiver cannot be taken into consideration should the student fail or perform poorly in the module.
Question 2	I see that the Statistics module ST1131 (or ST1131A) is a preclusion of EC3303. I would like to enquire if it's possible for me to take both modules concurrently.
Answer 2	Please note that the pre-requisites for EC3303 are EC2101 or EC2102 <u>and</u> EC2303 or any ST or SA module or MQ2205 or GM2303 or MA2216 or BK1004. If you have not taken any of these modules, then you will not be able to take EC3303. Students are not allowed to take both EC3303 and ST3131 concurrently or in different semesters against those anti-requisites (preclusion for EC3303 are ST3131 or SA3101 or EC3231). However, students who have passed EC3303 may be allowed to read ST3131 subject to the rule of the Department of Statistics and Probability.
Question 3	I want to take EC1101E, a pre-requisite module to major in Economics, I am unable to as I have passed EC1301. What should I do?
Answer 3	EC1301 and EC1101E are equivalent modules, so you can access higher level modules in Economics for the major requirements. Declaration of the major is only a formality that you can do even in your second year.
Question 4	I do not meet the pre-requisite for EC4101 and EC4102 but would like to graduate with an Honours degree in Economics. Can I appeal for the modules?
Answer 4	The alternate pre-requisites for EC4101 and EC4102 are: 1) passed at least 14 modules (or 56 MCs) in Economics modules (inclusive of EC3101 and EC3102), and 2) obtained an SJAP (average grade of all Economics modules) of at least 3.5. If you do meet both the conditions above, you will need to notify us by sending a request (via Centralised Online Registration System CORS) for modules EC4101 or/and EC4102 during the module registration period. Thereafter, you will be able to register and bid for the modules.

Honours Thesis	
Question 1	I would like to know whether it is compulsory to take EC4401 Honours Thesis?
Answer 1	The Honours Thesis (equivalent to 8 MC, 2 modules) is optional with effect from cohort 2001. However, in order to be awarded a first class Honours, you will need to obtain at least a grade 'A-' for Honours Thesis and a CAP of 4.5 and above based on all modules read. You may visit these websites http://nt2.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/ugrad/ht_is.asp and http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/undergrad/curr_matters.htm for more information.
Question 2	I am hoping to write the honours thesis (EC4401). I am not very sure about the procedure involved in registering for the thesis module which is now equivalent to 8 MC.
Answer 2	If you meet the pre-requisites for the module and have agreed a topic with a member of staff who is willing to supervise, then you may submit Form A. The form, together with the thesis guidelines and deadlines for submission is available at this website http://nt2.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/ugrad/ht_is.asp . An email will be sent to you after we have registered you for the module. One bid point will be deducted.
Question 3	How can students access past years' Honours Theses?
Answer 3	They are available at the Central Library.
General	
Question 1	I am an ex-student of NUS and previously majored in economics. How do I apply for credits for the economics modules that I had done as I want to use them for admission to overseas institution?
Answer 1	If you are asking an overseas institution to grant you credits for the economics modules you have taken at NUS, then you will have to write to them with the supporting documents, e.g., academic transcripts. It is their prerogative.
Question 2	How do I major in Economics?
Answer 2	Students who wish to major in Economics must matriculate in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Economics is a major programme within the Bachelor of Social Sciences curriculum.
Question 3	I have not taken Economics in my pre-university education. Can I major in Economics?
Answer 3	Matriculated students of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences may major in Economics

	regardless of their pre-university background. However, they must be reading or have passed the Economics Exposure module EC1101E.
Question 4	I have taken and passed ST1131 (or ST1131A). Do I still need to take EC2303?
Answer 4	ST1131 (or ST1131A) will fulfill the Statistics requirement of the subject major. However, the module is not counted as an economics module, i.e., the modular credits will not count towards the subject requirement. You are allowed to read any level-2000 or level-3000 Economics elective in lieu of EC2303. Please refer to our programme requirements which can be found on the Department's website at http://nt2.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/
Question 5	Would it be really difficult for me to carry on with the economics major without a good mathematics background?
Answer 5	<p>Economics at the Undergraduate level does not require a deep level of Mathematics, but a good Mathematics foundation (especially in Statistics, Algebra and Calculus) will benefit you. Most Economics modules focus on understanding of Economics principles and concepts rather than one's knowledge of Mathematics.</p> <p>Students who wish to brush up on their Mathematical skills can opt to take breadth modules from the Mathematics Department (at the Faculty of Science) such as Linear Algebra and Calculus at level 1000. The Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory option is also available for these since these are non-FASS modules.</p>
Question 6	May I know what the new codes are for EC2231 and EC3231? How are the Economics modules being categorized?
Answer 6	The new codes are EC2303 and EC3303. The list of new and previous codes; and how the Economics modules are categorized is available at http://nt2.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/notices/curriculum.pdf .
Question 7	I have received 'F' grade for EC3304. Do I need to re-take or replace this module? I want to graduate with a Bachelor degree instead of an Honours degree.
Answer 7	EC3304 is an essential module for students who wish to graduate with B.Soc.Sci.(Hons) in Economics only. For details on the major requirements, please visit http://nt2.fas.nus.edu.sg/ecs/ugrad/arts_2001-2002_or_later.asp

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