Economics Dept. Moves to CLAS

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The Department of Economics has moved from the College of Business Administration to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. We are bringing new faculty on campus and providing an enhanced undergraduate experience for Economics majors at UF. Students will notice new classes and additional sections of current classes offered each term. Just this year, we are offering new classes in Econometrics, Law and Economics, Healthcare Economics, and the Economics of Intellectual Property!

Economics is a social science that is routinely (and boringly) defined as “the study of the allocation of scarce resources.” The study of economics is so much more exciting than this tired definition conveys. Economics is the study of how individuals, like yourself, and companies make everyday decisions and interact. Economists study a wide array of exciting and relevant topics, including the purchase and sale of illegal goods, policies that might change the unemployment rate, the decision of whether or not to vote, and the ideal response to climate change. Economics is the thought-provoking study of human decisions and interactions.

The undergraduate economics major is an excellent choice for students with strengths in math and math-related fields. It is a quantitative discipline that relies heavily on mathematics and statistics. As a result, students that pursue this major are well equipped for numerous career paths and well prepared for many different graduate programs.

Recent graduates have taken jobs in investment banks and consulting; the average nationwide starting salary for someone with a Bachelor’s degree in economics is $56,300. Students that chose to go to graduate school, instead, have gained admission to prestigious Master of Business Administration, Law School, and PhD Economics programs.
Dear State College Colleagues and Students,

Welcome to the Fall edition of the Transfer Times newsletter, produced by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida! If you've received previous editions of this newsletter, you know that the Transfer Times is part of our effort to let prospective transfer students know about the remarkable opportunities that await them here in our College at UF.

I sometimes hear from incoming transfer students in our college a concern that they'll be considered "second-class" citizens at UF, compared to our four-year freshmen. Nothing could be further from the truth! In fact, our college makes it a point of pride to ensure that transfer students enjoy all the opportunities for intellectual, personal, and professional growth that our four-year students enjoy. In this issue, you'll see highlighted a number of programs that go along with this theme, including our new transfer chat service and our pre-health advising services. You'll also read about our chapter of Tau Sigma, the national honor society for transfer students. We're thrilled to welcome a new group of over 40 Tau Sigma members--and we look forward to welcoming many more in the years to come. Prospective students, we hope you'll become part of the Gator Nation, and of this College in particular. There is much that awaits you!

As always, please do not ever hesitate to contact our office if there is anything we can do to assist you, or if you have any feedback for us.

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**Tau Sigma**

**Transfer Student Honor Society**

Tau Sigma is a National Honor Society that recognizes the excellent academic achievements of transfer students. UF, the Delta Chapter of Tau Sigma, provides the opportunity for acknowledging the success of transfer students. Membership to Tau Sigma is by invitation only. Students who earn a 3.50 GPA in their first semester at UF will receive an invitation to join. By joining this honor society, students will have the opportunity to:

- enhance their leadership development
- apply for Tau Sigma scholarships
- participate in community service projects at UF and in the Gainesville community
- attend the national conference

Please visit the [Tau Sigma website](https://www.tausigma.org) or contact chapter advisor Robert Kwong at rkwong@advising.ufl.edu if you would like more information.
CLAS is excited to offer an ever expanding range of completely online degrees. We are accepting applications through Nov. 1 for Spring 2015 transfer students in the following majors: B.S. in Computer Science, B.A. in Criminology and Law, B.A. in Geology, and B.A. in Psychology.

Students in UF Online take the same courses often with the same professors as on-campus students. Plus, Florida residents receive a 25% tuition discount and pay less fees than residential students.

There is no need to move to Gainesville as you can now earn your UF degree from anywhere in the world!

New majors accepting transfer students beginning Fall 2015 include B.A. in Biology and B.A. in Sociology. For more information about our programs and the admissions process, please visit http://ufonline.ufl.edu.

Join us for Transfer Chat

Academic advisors in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences will be available online to answer your transfer related questions during the following times:

- Monday, October 13, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. EDT
- Wednesday, November 12, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST
- Tuesday, December 2, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST

Please visit http://www.advising.ufl.edu/prospective/transferchat.html to start chatting with an advisor.

Can’t make the transfer chats or would prefer to speak to an advisor in a different way?

Phone advisors are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please call (352) 392-1521 ext. 0 and ask to speak with a phone advisor. Phone calls are answered on a first call, first served basis.

If you are planning to be on campus, you can meet with an advisor on a walk-in or appointment basis. You can also e-mail us at: CLAStransfer@advising.ufl.edu.
**A Student’s Perspective: Sustainability Studies**

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forms sustainability takes on and the ways it can be interpreted and applied in our society. In today’s day and age, we are faced with an outstanding number of issues around the world including water shortages, food security, waste disposal, climate change and global distribution inequalities.

Throughout my time as a Sustainability Studies student, my coursework has not only given these issues complex and profound meaning, but has also introduced me to the many creative and innovative ways we as a society can address them. As a double major with Environmental Sciences, I find it an exciting opportunity to learn how humanity affects the natural world, how it in turn affects us, and how best to live within its bounds. The beauty of this degree resides in its applicability to nearly every other area of study, from the sciences to business to engineering and beyond.

After graduation, I hope to join the Peace Corps or have some similar global volunteer experience. Once I return from my travels, I hope to pursue a graduate degree in an interdisciplinary field such as Environmental Studies and work towards bridging the gap between the environment and our often disconnected society. As someone who believes in fostering a global community that strives for betterment of all, humans and nonhumans alike, I view this degree as a wonderful means to work towards this goal and explore the interconnected ways we all interact and impact one another.
Pre-Health Advising at UF

Are you considering going into a Health Profession?

Have you always dreamed of going to medical school, dental school or one of the many other health professional programs? If so, we can help! The CLAS Academic Advising Center at UF provides pre-health advising services for the entire university, and our pre-health advisors are eager to assist UF students and alumni as they explore the health professions and navigate through the application process. In addition to offering individual appointments, website resources, and workshops, we also conduct mock interviews and review personal statements.

UF and CLAS provide an excellent foundation for matriculation into many outstanding professional schools across the country. In fact, in recent years, UF has remained among the top feeder schools in the nation for medical and dental schools. Each year our students submit over 2,300 applications to health professional programs including pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, and more.

Choosing a Major

As you make decisions regarding your undergraduate major options, it is important to know that medical schools and other professional schools do not have any preference for specific types of majors. We encourage you to select a major that you are truly interested in. After all, students tend to earn higher grades in courses that they really like. While any major is fine, most students find it easiest to fit in the required pre-requisite courses if they complete English, Math, General Chemistry, and General Biology classes prior to transferring to UF. You can find a complete list of pre-requisite courses for each profession on our website.

Pre-Health Post-Bac Program

If you happen to decide on a career in the health professions later in your academic career, and aren’t able to complete the pre-requisite courses before you graduate, UF now offers a Pre-Health Post-Bac program. This program is perfect for students who haven’t taken any of the required science courses. You can find more information at http://www.clas.ufl.edu/prehealthpostbac/.

We hope you will browse our website, http://www.advising.ufl.edu/prehealth/, and contact us should you have any questions on the best way to prepare for a career in the health professions!