

Economics Department, Duke University
Placement and Registration for Incoming Freshmen

There are two courses that incoming freshmen may be eligible to take at Duke:

ECON 51D: Economic Principles.

This is an introductory economics course that covers basic concepts in both microeconomics and macroeconomics. Econ 51D is taught at a level that assumes no prior coursework in economics. All Duke students are eligible to take this course, and there are no pre-requisites.

ECON 55D: Intermediate Economics I.

This is an intermediate-level microeconomics course that assumes some background in economics and calculus. Prerequisites for this course include: Econ 1A *and* Econ 2A, *or* Econ 51D; and Math 31L (AP Math).

Credit for Econ 1A is given to students who have scored 4 or 5 in AP Macro. Credit for Econ 2A is given to students who have scored 4 or 5 in AP Micro.

Credit for Math 31L is given to students who have scored 5 in AP Math AB, *or* have scored 3, 4, *or* 5 in AP Math BC.*

The Economics department also recognizes various international standardized examinations in place of AP exams. Please see <http://t-reqs.trinity.duke.edu/credit.html#AP> for information on how these alternative examinations transfer relative to AP courses.

* See http://www.math.duke.edu/first_year/ap.html for more detail on first year math placement at Duke.

If you do not fulfill *all* of the prerequisites required for Econ 55D, you should enroll in ECON 51D: Economic Principles.

Notes:

1. We cannot permit students who have taken AP-“style” economics courses, but have not taken and passed the official AP exams, to take Econ 55D, regardless of the grade that they may have earned in those courses. If you have not taken and passed *both* of the official AP Micro and AP Macro exams to the required standard, you must first enroll in Econ 51D before taking Econ 55D. There are no exceptions.
2. The same applies to AP-“style” math courses. The only exception in the case of mathematics is if the DUS in Mathematics verifies that you have *achieved*

proficiency in Math 31L or higher. This verification must be submitted by email from the DUS in mathematics (DUS@math.duke.edu) to the DUS in Economics (DUS@econ.duke.edu).

Prerequisites and course registration for students wishing to enroll in Econ 55D:

1. Students whose AP scores are of a satisfactory level, and already have credit for Econ 1A and Econ 2A on their Duke academic history in ACES, should be able to enroll directly in Econ 55D.
2. Students who have taken all of the requisite AP exams, but do not yet have credit for Econ 1A and Econ 2A on their Duke academic history in ACES, are requested to wait until those scores are available and have been incorporated into their Duke record before attempting to enroll in Econ 55D.

The Economics department will always permit all students who wish to enroll in Econ 55D (and who have the requisite prerequisites) to do so up until the end of the first week of the fall semester, even if this means expanding the class size to meet demand. So there is no reason to be concerned that the course will fill up while you wait for your AP scores to be recognized by Duke.