Acceptable Study Abroad Courses for the Economics Major

The purpose of this document is to give some guidance regarding the courses at various Study Abroad programs that might count toward the Cornell Economics major. The information provided here is not a substitute for permission from the DUS or Associate DUS. It is just a rough guide. The programs discussed in the document are

- University College London (UCL)
- London School of Economics (LSE)
- Oxford University
- City University London
- Queen Mary College, University of London

In general, please remember that your core Economics courses—Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Statistics and Probability, and Econometrics—cannot be taken abroad. The rules of the Economics major are that these courses must be taken at Cornell.

Please also remember the general rule is that for a study abroad course to count towards the Economics major it must require as an official prerequisite at least introductory microeconomics and/or introductory macroeconomics. Furthermore, for a study abroad course to count towards the Economics major as a 4000-level elective, it must require as an official prerequisite intermediate microeconomics and/or intermediate macroeconomics, or econometrics. It is sometimes difficult to figure out official prerequisites for study abroad courses. In some cases, it may be necessary to delay the decision as to whether a course will count towards the major and, if so, at what level (3000 or 4000), until after the student has taken the course.
University College London (UCL)  
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Study Abroad at UCL can be done for either one semester or one year. UCL has an excellent Economics Department, and we accept most UCL Economics courses toward the Economics Major.

Typically, we accept all ECON70xx courses and all ECON 30xx courses (except for the Economics UG thesis course). ECON 70xx courses are considered equivalent to a 3000-level advanced economics elective. ECON 30xx courses are typically considered equivalent to a 4000-level advanced economics elective.

Please note that the following core courses should NOT be taken at UCL (they must be taken at Cornell): ECON2001 (Microeconomics), ECON2004 (Macroeconomic Theory and Policy), and ECON2007 (Quantitative Economics and Econometrics).

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)  
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Study Abroad at LSE can only be done for an entire academic year. LSE has an excellent Economics Department, and we accept many LSE Economics courses toward the Economics Major.

For a course to count toward the Economics Major, it must require as an official prerequisite at least EC100 (Economics A) or EC102 (Economics B). A course will be considered equivalent to a 4000-level advanced economics elective if it requires as an official prerequisite EC201 (Microeconomic Principles I), EC202 (Microeconomic Principles II), EC210 (Macroeconomic Principles), EC220 (Introduction to Econometrics), or EC221 (Principles of Econometrics). Otherwise, it will be considered equivalent to a 3000-level advanced economics elective.

Please note that the following core courses should NOT be taken at LSE (they must be taken at Cornell): EC201 (Microeconomic Principles I), EC202 (Microeconomic Principles II), EC210 (Macroeconomic Principles), EC220 (Introduction to Econometrics), or EC221 (Principles of Econometrics).

Additional note: Even though LSE courses meet for the full academic year we only count the course as one course towards the economics major.

Oxford University  
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Study Abroad at Oxford is typically done for an entire academic year, although occasional exceptions are made to go for one semester in the spring. Oxford has an excellent Economics Department, and we accept most Oxford Economics courses toward the Economics Major.

To accept a course toward the Economics Major, it must require as an official prerequisite at least Introductory Economics (their Preliminary Course). Any of their Optional Finals Courses should work (except Thesis). Consult the DUS or Associate DUS regarding which of these courses can count as a 4000-level advanced economics elective.
Please note that you should NOT take Oxford’s Core Finals Courses (Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, and Quantitative Economics). These cover similar material to your core Economics courses at Cornell.

Additional note: Even though Oxford courses meet for the full academic year we only count the course as one course towards the Economics major.

**City University London**
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We will consider courses from the EC30xx range (although not EC3009, EC3011, or EC3025). A course will be considered equivalent to a 4000-level advanced economics elective if it requires as an official prerequisite at least one of EC2013 and EC2014 (Intermediate Microeconomics 1 and 2), EC2015 and EC2016 (Intermediate Macroeconomics 1 and 2), or EC2017 and EC2021 (Introductory and Intermediate Econometrics). EC2009 (International Trade) and EC2020 (Public Economics) are typically considered equivalent to a 3000-level advanced economics elective.

Please note that the following core courses should NOT be taken at City University (they must be taken at Cornell): EC2013 (Intermediate Microeconomics 1), EC2014 (Intermediate Microeconomics 2), EC2015 (Intermediate Macroeconomics 1), EC2016 (Intermediate Macroeconomics 2), EC2017 (Introductory Econometrics), and EC2021 (Intermediate Econometrics).

**Queen Mary College, University of London**
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We will consider any second-year (ECN2xx) and third-year modules (ECN3xx) except for the core courses (see below) and “project” (independent study) courses (ECN326). Second-year modules are typically considered equivalent to a 3000-level advanced economics elective. Third-year modules will be considered equivalent to a 4000-level advanced economics elective if they require as an official prerequisite at least one of ECN206 Macroeconomics 2, ECN211 Microeconomics 2, or ECN225 Econometrics 2.

Please note that the following core courses should NOT be taken at Queen Mary (they must be taken at Cornell): ECN206 Macroeconomics 2, ECN211 Microeconomics 2, ECN224 Econometrics 1, or ECN225 Econometrics 2.