

# Transfer Credits

## **Limits on Number of Transfer Credits, AP/IB/A-levels and Barnard Electives**

Transfer credit rules are not stated in terms of credits towards the major. We take a "holistic" view and look at the totality of economics courses taken outside of the department rather than having separate rules for Barnard courses and transfer courses. The following table outlines the rules for each of the majors and joint majors in economics.

<b>Program</b>	<b># Lecture Courses<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Min # in Department<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Max # Outside<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Major</b>	9	5	4
<b>Financial Econ</b>	8	5	3
<b>Econ-Math</b>	7	5	2
<b>Econ-Poli Sci</b>	7	5	2
<b>Econ-Stats</b>	7	5	2
<b>Econ-Phil</b>	7	5	2
<b>Concentration</b>	7	4	3

### Notes

1. Lecture courses do not include seminars which must be taken in the department. The lecture course counts are counts of economics courses only, so the counts do not include math, statistics or courses in other departments. There is also no change on the rule that no more than one course may be taken at the 2000 level.
2. There is no change in the rule that at least 2 of the 3 3000 level core courses must be taken in the department and no corresponding Barnard courses will be accepted. The two courses shared with Barnard, UN3025 and UN3265, will continue to be counted as departmental courses regardless of the instructor.
3. Outside courses include AP (IB/A levels) credits for Principles (1 class), transfer credits for Principles (1 class even if it was a two semester sequence), Barnard 2000 and 3000 level elective courses and transfer credits from other universities.

### **How to Apply for Transfer Credits**

If you wish to apply AP/IB/A-levels credit towards your major then you do not need to apply for transfer credit for these credits. Provided the university has accepted these credits (and they appear at the bottom of your transcript) then the department will also automatically accept them. For other transfer credits, you are directed first to the departmental website where you will find detailed information regarding transfer credits. You must read this material carefully before seeking approval. To apply for transfer credits for courses taken prior to registering at Columbia, you must speak with your CC or GS advisor. You will turn in your required materials to your CC or GS advisor and he or she will transmit them to the department. You should do this ASAP.