Introductory Course Options

We encourage most first-year students who are interested in economics to take an introductory micro course in the fall and an introductory macro and/or introductory data course in the spring. Students have multiple options for introductory micro and macro in both semesters.

Introductory micro is offered in three formats:

- Econ 115 is a large lecture class.
- Econ 110 covers the same topics but is taught in smaller sections that are only open to first-year students and sophomores. This class is restricted by lottery.
- Econ 108 is intended for students with limited or no experience in calculus. It places greater emphasis on quantitative methods and examples.

**Econ 108 will not be offered in spring 2022**

Introductory macro is offered in two formats:

- Econ 116 is a large lecture class.
- Econ 111 is similar in spirit to Econ 110. It covers the same topics as 116 but is taught in smaller sections that are limited to first-year students and sophomore and are restricted by lottery.

Economics courses numbered between 100 and 399 no longer require a pre-registration for either the course or its discussion sections and there are no lottery for ECON 110, 111, and courses with discussions sections.

Yale College Spring 2022 course enrollment opens on November 18, at 9:00AM. Registration worksheets will open within [Yale Course Search](https://course.yale.edu).

Questions about the preference selection lotteries should be directed to [qazi.azam@yale.edu](mailto:qazi.azam@yale.edu). Also feel free to drop in on the [DUS’ office hours](https://dus.yale.edu) for advising.

Introductory data analysis and econometrics:

- Econ 117 is an unlimited enrollment large lecture class offered in both semesters. Given its emphasis on data analysis, the department recommends that even students who have taken statistics in high school should start their Yale econometrics training with 117. Students do not need a programming background to take econ 117.
- Please see the [New Econometrics Courses](https://economics.yale.edu) webpage for more information.
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