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. This class has limited enrollment, with preference given to first-year students.
- Econ 108 is intended for students with limited or no experience in calculus. It places greater emphasis on quantitative methods and examples. Enrollment in ECON 108 requires a personal placement into the course. Preference is given to first-year students. If you are interested in taking the class during the Fall 2022 Term, please complete this ECON 108 Sign Up survey no later than Monday, August 8, 2022 (12pm). If you have any questions, please email evangelia.chalioti@yale.edu.

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 and has limited enrollment, with preference given to first-year students.

Introductory data analysis and econometrics:

- Econ 117 is a 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 webpage for more information

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

Yale College Fall 2022 course enrollment opens on August 29th, at 3:00PM. Registration worksheets will open within Yale Course Search.

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