Welcome

On behalf of the faculty and staff, congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Business, where the Economics Bachelor of Science major resides.

We believe that the programs in the School of Business offer an excellent combination of academic strength, flexibility, and practical experience. We are looking forward to meeting you and to your becoming a part of our TCNJ community as you help make your future goals a reality. As a new student you will be working with an award-winning faculty ready to inspire and challenge you to do your very best work.

It will be an exciting summer at TCNJ and especially in our own department, and I look forward to meeting you when you arrive on campus in the summer for orientation.

Advising Information

You will be assigned a faculty advisor who will meet with you regularly throughout your time at TCNJ. You will have opportunities to discuss your course work, independent studies that you might want to pursue, or other academic questions that arise prior to, during, or subsequent to registration each semester. It is important to meet with your advisor each semester to assure that you are on the right track and completing all necessary courses for graduation.

Until your advisor is assigned, please feel free to contact Mary Lehr-Furtado at 609-771-2882 (furtadom@tcnj.edu) or your chair, Subarna Samanta 609.771.2294 (ssamanta@tcnj.edu).

Your First Semester

On the back of this letter we have compiled an “Understanding Your First Semester Sequence” document that provides a clear and ordered description of the recommended courses for your first semester and detailed information regarding the liberal learning program, including instructions for selecting your First Seminar class (FSP).

We look forward to welcoming you into the TCNJ School of Business community!

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR FIRST SEMESTER SEQUENCE

Every major has a guideline for its first semester students: the First Semester Sequence. Within this sequence of courses, you will see Major Requirements, First Seminar Program (FSP), Liberal Learning courses, and Interdisciplinary Studies requirements. Please reference this First Semester Sequence while completing your online First Semester Worksheet.

Economics – Bachelor of Science

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<th>Major Requirements</th>
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<td>BUS 099 – Business Freshman Seminar</td>
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<td>ECO 101 – Principles of Microeconomics or ECO 102 – Principles of Macroeconomics</td>
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<td>MAT 095, 096, or 125 (based on SAT math scores):</td>
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<td>• MAT 125 – Calculus for BUSN &amp; SOC SCI (1 unit) Pre-requisite: MAT 096 or an SAT math score ≥ 650</td>
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<td>**Counts as .5 unit for scheduling purposes but carries no graduation credit.</td>
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First Seminar Program (FSP)
Select six from the following recommended FSPs (1 unit):

- FSP 161 (Any Section)
- FSP 162 (Any Section)
- FSP 163 (Any Section)
- FSP 164 (Any Section)

Do not select FSPs meeting on Wednesday mornings

Liberal Learning
You need to take one liberal learning course. However, you should select six courses from any of the following liberal learning categories on your online First Semester Worksheet (1 unit):

- Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts
- World Views and Ways of Knowing
- Social Change in Historical Perspectives
- And/or any course satisfying at least one civic responsibility category.

See http://www.liberallearning.pages.tcnj.edu for additional information.

Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) Requirement
All incoming freshmen will be pre-registered for:

- IDS 102 – Information Literacy Proficiency (0 unit)
- IDS 103 – Community Engaged Learning (0 unit)
- SRP 99 – Summer Reading Program (0 unit)

A “full” load is four course units.

Major Requirements: The Major Requirements section provides a detailed list of the specific major courses you are required to take during your first semester. You will be preregistered for them.

First Seminar Program (FSP): The FSP is the cornerstone of the Liberal Learning Program. Please select six FSP courses from the categories on the left, and indicate them on your online First Semester Worksheet. View all sections on the First Seminar website: http://fsp.pages.tcnj.edu. Please bear in mind that we will only see them in alphabetical order, not your order of preference, and that we will make every effort to enroll you in one of the six.

Liberal Learning: There are three ways to complete your liberal learning (LL) requirements: an 8-course distribution, a 6 to 8-course Interdisciplinary Concentration, or in the frame of a 2nd major. See http://liberallearning.pages.tcnj.edu/ for additional information.

As reflected on the left, please do not select any courses in the Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Perspectives Liberal Learning category as your ECO 101 and ECO 102 course will satisfy this requirement.

Please place your request on your online First Semester Worksheet.

Interdisciplinary Studies: IDS 102 is a required, on-line, non-credit course administered by the library staff satisfying the information literacy component of the Liberal Learning Program. You should meet this proficiency during your first semester. IDS 103 is our way of keeping track of your community engaged learning requirement. As above, you receive no specific academic credit for it, but you should complete it by the end of your first year.

Summer Reading Program (SRP 99): This required, non-credited program welcomes you to TCNJ’s intellectual community by asking you to critically read a thought-provoking book and share your insights about the book in small group discussions with your peers led by a facilitator during Welcome Week.