

Minor in Behavioral Economics
for USC Catalogue Year 2022-2023 and later

	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS			
ECON 203 Principles of Microeconomics <i>Satisfies GE-F Quantitative Reasoning</i>			
Complete one of the following: <i>Both satisfy GE-F Quantitative Reasoning</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 118 Fundamental Principles of Calculus <i>Prerequisite: Placement or MATH 108/117</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 125 Calculus I <i>Prerequisite: Placement or MATH 108</i>			
UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS			
ECON 303 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory <i>Prerequisite: ECON 203 & MATH 118/125</i>			
UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS <i>Complete THREE (3) courses from the list below</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 404 Games and Economics <i>Prerequisite: ECON 303</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 405 Neuroeconomics <i>Prerequisite: ECON 303</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 415 Behavioral Economics <i>Prerequisite: ECON 303</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 420 Experimental Economics <i>Prerequisite: ECON 303, and ECON 317 strongly recommended</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 432 Economics of Happiness <i>Prerequisite: ECON 303, and ECON 305 strongly recommended</i>			
			TOTAL UNITS

BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS

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In the age of "Big Data," the Department of Economics offers some of the largest and most dynamic undergraduate programs in Dornsife College. We are an international leader in econometrics, development economics, and experimental economics; and in recent years we have accelerated our growth in macroeconomics and applied economics. Economic theory is intertwined with practical models to address concepts across disciplinary boundaries.

The Behavioral Economics minor provides coursework that broadens the scope of economic decision-making research. Understanding how people make decisions is relevant for a large variety of applications including market design, policy, health, and education. Thus, students from all academic disciplines can benefit from this program.

This minor offers a comprehensive set of classes that review advances in the study of decision-making. Theoretical classes will explore traditional theories of decision-making based on the economic rational paradigm as well as new behavioral theories designed to better capture actual decision-making processes. Experimental classes will cover standard and novel experimental methods used to study economics decision-making and game theoretical paradigms. Because some elective classes are not offered every semester, students should plan accordingly.