

ALL HONORS CANDIDATES

Grades in all economics courses are averaged to give a numerical score which includes Ec 10, your required math courses per honors track, and your introductory statistics requirement. Due to timing, the grades from your Spring semester are NOT factored into your Departmental (English) honors recommendation. They ARE, however, factored into your College (Latin) honors recommendation. Conversion of letter grades follows the standard Harvard 4-point scale. General exam scores are normalized to have the same mean and standard deviation as the GPA distribution of all test takers. In making honors recommendations, the Department also takes into account a student's strength of course program (for example, Economics 1011a/b versus 1010a/b, or Statistics 110/111 versus 104 or 100).

THESIS WRITERS

Each thesis has two readings. The average of your thesis grades is also translated into a numerical score, as summarized below. The penalty for late theses is .06 points per day, with the weekend counting as one day. The formula for the calculation of honors is 40 percent grades, 40 percent thesis, and 20 percent generals. If your thesis is a magna+ or above, we make an alternative calculation of 30 percent grades, 50 percent thesis and 20 percent generals. We use the higher of these two calculations. The high honors recommendation ordinarily requires a minimum grade of magna- on the thesis. The highest honors recommendation requires an outstanding score in all three areas: a performance below the highest level in any area would ordinarily be sufficient to prevent a highest honors recommendation. In addition, all candidates for highest honors will be given an oral exam.

ADVANCED COURSE TRACK CANDIDATES

For students on the Advanced Course Track, the formula for the calculation of honors is 70 percent grades, 30 percent general exam. Students on the Advanced Course Track can receive a maximum recommendation of honors. To receive an honors recommendation from the department, an overall honors score of 3.25 is required.

GRADE CONVERSION

Thesis Avg Grade	Numerical Score	Course Grade
summa	4.00	A
summa-	3.87	A
magna+	3.75	A
magna	3.63	A-
magna-	3.50	B+
cum+	3.37	B+
cum	3.25	B+
cum-	3.12	B
No distinction	3.0	