1. Candidates for departmental honors in economics or mathematical economic analysis must achieve an average grade of 3.67 in the courses presented for their major.

2. Candidates for departmental honors in economics and honors in mathematical economic analysis must also submit a research paper for review by the departmental Honors Review Committee.
   - The paper may be the product of an earlier class, or it may be the product of an ECON 399 project. In either case, the paper must be more substantial than what would typically be produced in only one semester.
   - The paper must be nominated for honors review by the faculty member under whose instruction the paper was written.
   - Departmental honors will require committee affirmation that the paper meets the standard for honors research. In particular, the paper must contain a core component of work that is original to the student and that reflects the student’s own independent thought. Survey papers that mainly summarize the work of others will not meet this standard. Submitted papers must conform with proper citation practices as described in the Honor Council’s Blue Book (http://honor.rice.edu/bluebook.cfm?doc_id=10355). Please note that students must cite advisors’ contributions as well.
   - Students are urged to complete either an ECON 399 project or a suitable paper for another course before their final semester at Rice. Students could then extend and improve their work as necessary prior to the honors review that would occur near the end of their final semester at Rice.