



Economics BA

Nearly every decision a person, business, or government makes involves trade-offs, and so, falls under the purview of economic analysis. In coursework for the Bachelor of Arts in Economics, students learn to think analytically and apply their knowledge to a broad range of topics such as property rights, environmental regulation, labor markets, and government regulation. Students also study the economy as a whole and explore the sources of growth, recessions, and inflation, as well as government policies designed to influence the economy. The study of economics is an excellent way to learn how to apply analytical skills to a range of interesting questions and problems.

Career Outlook

Most economics majors do not get jobs with the word “economist” in the title. They do, however, have jobs in most industries, including public policy, finance, healthcare, and web-based firms. They examine policy decisions, industry trends, pricing strategy, and market research. The analytic skill set obtained in economics provides majors with the opportunity to pursue a wide range of job opportunities.

Future Career Options

- Account Manager
- Business Analyst
- Cloud Strategist
- Financial Advisor
- Financial Planner
- Information Security Analyst
- Insurance Underwriter
- Lawyer
- Product Manager
- Supply Chain Coordinator

Skills Developed By Degree Completion

- Understand fundamental economic concepts including choice and opportunity cost
- Demonstrate an understanding of how markets work
- Understand and evaluate individual, firm, and societal decision-making
- Understand the determination of output, unemployment, and inflation in an economy
- Explain the role and impact of fiscal and monetary policy
- Learn to locate economic data and critically analyze patterns and relationships using basic statistical methods and software
- Apply economic models to analyze real world situations
- Understand the US economy and its key institutions in a historical context

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.



UNIVERSITY STUDIES

University studies is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



MILESTONE COURSES

Milestone courses should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



SUMMER AND INTERSESSION COURSES

Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!

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2024-2025 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Year

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FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
FGN LANG 1001: Language and Culture I (5)
MATH 1030: College Algebra (3)
GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)
INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

SPRING SEMESTER (17 credit hours)

ECON 1001: Principles of Microeconomics (3)
FGN LANG 1002: Language and Culture II (5)
MATH 1100: Basic Calculus (3)
GEN ED CORE: Information Literacy (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)



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Year

2

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ECON 1002: Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
FGN LANG 2101: Language and Culture III (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Sciences (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ECON 3001: Intermediate Economics (3)
ECON 2XXX+: Economics Elective (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math and Life/Natural Sciences (3)
Cultural Diversity Requirement (3)



Year

3

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ECON 2800: History of American Economic Development (3)
ECON 3100: Economic Data and Statistics (3)
ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ECON 3002: Intermediate Macroeconomics (3)
ECON 2XXX+: Economics Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)



Year

4

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ECON 2XXX+: Economics Elective (3)
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Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (13 credit hours)

ECON 2XXX+: Economics Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (3)
Elective (1)