Economics BA

Nearly every decision which a person, business, or government makes involves trade-offs, and so, falls under the purview of economic analysis. In coursework for the Economics BA, 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. Economic majors 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

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

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 statistical 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.
Bachelor of Arts in Economics

### Year 1
**FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)**
- MATH 1030: College Algebra (3)
- ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
- FGN LANG 1001: Language & Culture I (5)
- GEN ED CORE: Communication Proficiency (3)
- INTDSC 1003: University Studies (1)

**SPRING SEMESTER (17 credit hours)**
- ECON 1001: Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- MATH 1100: Basic Calculus (3)
- GEN ED CORE: Information Literacy (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)
- FGN LANG 1002: Language & Culture II (5)

### Year 2
**FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)**
- ECON 1002: Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- FGN LANG 2101: Language & Culture III (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Social Science (3)

**SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)**
- ECON 3001: Intermediate Microeconomics (3)
- ECON XXXX: Economics Elective, 2000-Level or Higher (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Humanities & Fine Arts (3)
- GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)
- Cultural Diversity (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 XXXX: Economics Elective, 2000-Level or Higher (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (3)

### Year 4
**FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)**
- ECON XXXX: Economics Elective, 2000-Level or Higher (3)
- ECON XXXX: Economics Elective, 2000-Level or Higher (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (3)

**SPRING SEMESTER (13 credit hours)**
- ECON XXXX: Economics Elective, 2000-Level or Higher (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (3)
- Elective (1)

Degree completed!

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**2023-2024 4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP**

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