



The Bachelor's Degrees in Economics

Apply analytical skills.

Economics studies the best use of limited resources while meeting needs and wants. It encompasses both microeconomics (the study of decision making) and macroeconomics (the study of the behavior of the economy as a whole). The study of economics is an excellent way to learn how to apply analytical skills to a range of interesting questions and problems.

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The Bachelor's degrees in Economics are available as both a BS, which is designated as a STEM program, and a BA. The BA in Economics is designed for students who want to think analytically and apply their knowledge to a broad range of topics such as property rights, environmental regulation, labor markets and government regulation, while the BS in Economics is designed for students who want to develop analytical and quantitative skills and apply that knowledge to a range of topics such as economic modeling, financial markets and market analysis.

Upon completion of the BA or the BS in Economics, graduates will be able to use economic reasoning; use mathematical methods to construct and analyze economic models and to analyze and interpret economic phenomena; understand key market institutions and apply this knowledge to analyze economic behavior and evaluate public policy; identify the causes and consequences of poverty and prosperity; predict changes in key macroeconomic variables in response to changes in social, political and economic policy as well as non-economic events.

BA graduates will be able to use basic statistical methods and statistical software to interpret and analyze economic data and relationships and acquire an historical perspective of the U.S. economy and its key institutions. BS graduates will also be able to estimate, analyze and interpret economic relationships and write a research paper that employs sound economic reasoning and economic data.

2+3 BS/MA Dual Degree Program

The Master of Arts in Economics is also offered in the 2+3 program format. The 2+3 dual degree program provides a pathway for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Economics with fewer total credit hours than would be required to complete each degree independently. Once all requirements have been met, students will be awarded both a BS and an MA and are able to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

Transforming Lives

The Bachelor's degrees in Economics at UMSL are earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off- campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic, and well-educated employees.

The Department of Economics offers small class sizes and an enthusiastic faculty who take pride in mentoring students. A unique feature of our department is the opportunity to take a large number of courses in applied economics and data analysis, in addition to traditional economics coursework. Students work as research assistants, peer tutors and collaborate on projects.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor's degrees in Economics are designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at econ.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce with analytical skills and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for economics.

Career Opportunities

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