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ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Economics

Career Opportunities
Economics graduates go on to successful careers in diverse areas, including:

- Government
- Public Policy
- Business
- Agriculture
- Banking
- Financial Services
- International Relations
- Education
- Law
- Health Care Management
- Nonprofit Agencies
- Market Research
- Property Management
- Investment Banking
- Consulting

A bachelor's degree in Economics is also an excellent foundation for students who are considering the MBA, law school or another professional graduate program.

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Degree Requirements

The B.S. degree program prepares graduates for professional careers directly upon completion of the baccalaureate by integrating significant coursework from other departments such as business and public administration into the Economics major.

A. Lower-Division Requirements (27 units)
1. ACCT 220 Financial Reporting & Accounting
2. ECON 201 Essentials of Microeconomics
3. ECON 202 Essentials of Macroeconomics
4. ECON 210 Analyzing Economic Data
5. ECON 220 Quantitative Tools for Business and Economics
6. MATH 140 Elementary Statistics

B. Upper-Division Requirements (59 units)
1. ECON 301 Microeconomic Theory and Applications
2. ECON 302 Macroeconomic Theory and Policy
3. ECON 388 & 488 Economics Book Club
4. ECON 490A/490B Senior Project
5. ECON 420 Econometrics
6. PLSI 333 or PHIL 333 Political Philosophy
7. ECON 451 Managerial Economics
9. One of the following 3-course sequences
   a. Intermediate Accounting: ACCT 221, 300, 301
   b. Calculus: MATH 192, MATH 201, MATH 202; or MATH 201, MATH 202, MATH 203
   c. Analytics: ECON 320 or MIS 320, ECON 453, MIS 340
10. Two (2) upper division Economics Electives (10 units)

C. Area of Emphasis (20 units)
The area of emphasis requirement is four courses approved upon reaching junior status by the Economics advisor as forming a coherent area of breadth or depth.

Students interested in careers as operations analysts should complete the Analytics sequence and consult with the Chair to develop an emphasis area further expanding their applied skill set (e.g., additional statistics, project management, quality management).

For most business careers, whether or not an MBA is in your plans, use Intermediate Accounting or Analytics as the depth sequence and business administration courses aligned with career plans for the emphasis area.

Students interested in banking and finance careers should complete the Intermediate Accounting sequence and finance and professional marketing courses for the emphasis area. The Intermediate Accounting sequence also is recommended for students pursuing the B.S. who intend to go to law school.

Students interested in careers with government or nonprofits should complete the Analytics sequence and include PPA 492 among the PPA courses comprising an emphasis area.

Students intending to apply to doctoral programs in Economics should complete the Calculus sequence and math courses recommended by the Economics Advisor. The recommended math courses will require calculus as a prerequisite.

Notes:
1. "C-" or better required in ECON 301, 302, 420, 490AB.
2. Many MBA and Master’s degree programs in Economics require a calculus course, which can be substituted for ECON 220.