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Economics Major and Minor

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A major in economics can serve a variety of purposes within the general liberal arts curriculum and provides a background for postgraduate study in a number of professional schools. Additionally, economics is frequently taken as a dual major with business at the undergraduate level. Graduate-level options that economics majors can pursue are: law, business, economic forecasting, public administration, professional health management, hospital administration, urban affairs, and transportation studies. Because the range of interests among economics majors is quite broad, students are encouraged to choose a plan of study that fits their individual needs in conjunction with a departmental advisor.

Required courses for the BA in Economics

The BA in economics requires the completion of 28 credits in economics distributed as follows.

ECON 0100 Introduction to Microeconomic Theory
ECON 0110 Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory
ECON 0150 Economic Data Analysis
ECON 0900 Economic: Introduction to the Field Majors
ECON 1100 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 1110 Intermediate Macroeconomics
One ECON elective course
Two ECON 1000-level elective courses
One ECON 1700-level writing course

Note: ECON 0800 does not count as an ECON elective course.

Co-requisites

One of the following MATH course options

MATH 0125 Calculus for Business 1 and
MATH 0126 Calculus for Business 2
MATH 0120 Business Calculus
MATH 0220 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 1

One of the following STAT courses

STAT 0200 Basic Applied Statistics
STAT 1000 Applied Statistical Methods*
STAT 1100 Statistics and Probability for Business Management*

Required courses for the BS in Economics

The BS in economics requires the completion of 28 credits in economics distributed as follows.

ECON 0100 Introduction to Microeconomic Theory
ECON 0110 Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory
ECON 0900 Economics Introduction to the Field Majors
ECON 1100 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 1110 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 1150 Applied Econometrics 1
Two ECON elective courses
One ECON 1000-level elective course
One ECON 1700-level writing course

Note: ECON 0800 does not count as an ECON elective course.

Co-requisites

MATH 0220 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 1

One of the following Mathematics courses

MATH 0230 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 2
MATH 0235 Honors 1 – Variable Calculus

One of the following Statistics courses

STAT 1000 Applied Statistical Methods*
STAT 1100 Statistics and Probability for Business Management*

* STAT 1000 or STAT 1100 is required for those students pursuing the Economics/Business Dual Major. Students pursuing the Economics/Business Dual Major are exempted from taking BUSECN 1010 since it is equivalent to ECON 1100.

Restrictions

- ECON 0800, 0810, and 0820 are designed for non-majors and therefore do not count toward the major or minor.
- No Dietrich School credit will be given for ECON 0800 if said course is taken after ECON 0100 or ECON 0110.
- Internship credits do not count toward the major, but students are encouraged to do internships.
- Only three credits of ECON 1901 through 1903 may be applied toward the credits required for the major.

Grade requirements

A minimum grade of C is required in ECON 0100, 0110, 1100, 1110. A minimum grade of B is required for MATH 0120, and a minimum grade of C is required for MATH 0220. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

Satisfactory/No Credit option

No ECON course that counts towards the major may be taken on an S/NC basis except ECON 0900.

Writing (W) requirement

Students must complete a Capstone Seminar course in the ECON 1700 series.

Honors major requirements

Honors in economics is granted if, in addition to fulfilling all requirements for the economics major, the student:

- maintained a GPA of 3.5 or above in ECON courses; and
- maintained an overall GPA of 3.5 or above.

Other options

Economics-Statistics Joint Major
Mathematics-Economics Joint Major
Economics-Business Dual Major

Note: The first two options have their own major sheets; see the Arts and Sciences/Business Dual Major sheet for the third.

Economics organizations

The Department of Economics sponsors several student organizations. Please see the Economics advisors for information regarding these clubs.

Advising

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Checklist for the BA in Economics

_____ ECON 0100
_____ ECON 0110
_____ ECON 0150
_____ ECON 0900
_____ ECON 1100
_____ ECON 1110
_____ ECON _____¹
_____ ECON 1 _____ (1000-level elective)
_____ ECON 1 _____ (1000-level elective)
_____ ECON 17 _____ (1700-series writing course)
_____ MATH 0125 and 0126 or 0120 or 0220
_____ STAT 0200 or 1000 or 1100²

1. ECON 0800 does not count as an Economics elective course.
2. STAT 1000 or 1100 is required for those students pursuing the Economics/Business Dual Major. Those students pursuing the Economics/Business Dual Major are exempted from taking BUSECN 1010 since it is equivalent to ECON 1100.

Checklist for the BS in Economics

_____ ECON 0100
_____ ECON 0110
_____ ECON 0900
_____ ECON 1100
_____ ECON 1110
_____ ECON 1150
_____ ECON _____¹
_____ ECON _____¹
_____ ECON 1 _____ (1000-level elective)
_____ ECON 17 _____ (1700-series writing course)
_____ MATH 0220
_____ MATH 0230 or MATH 0235
_____ STAT 1000 or 1100²

1. ECON 0800 does not count as an Economics elective course.
2. STAT 1000 or 1100 is required for those students pursuing the Economics/Business Dual Major. Those students pursuing the Economics/Business Dual Major are exempted from taking BUSECN 1010 since it is equivalent to ECON 1100.

Checklist for the Economics minor

Both of the following

_____ ECON 0100
_____ ECON 0110

One of the following

_____ ECON 0150
_____ ECON 1100
_____ ECON 1110
_____ BUSECN 1010

Two additional ECON courses; courses in the ECON 0800 series do not count toward this requirement.

_____ ECON _____
_____ ECON _____

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.