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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 36 credits:
28 credits in economics, plus 4 in mathematics and
4 in statistics, distributed as follows:

ECON 0100 Introduction to Microeconomic Theory
ECON 0110 Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory
ECON 0150 Economic Data Analysis
One ECON elective course
ECON 0900 Economic: Introduction to the Field Majors
ECON 1100 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 1110 Intermediate Macroeconomics
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 40 credits:
28 credits in economics, plus 8 in mathematics and
4 in statistics, distributed as follows:

ECON 0100 Introduction to Microeconomic Theory
ECON 0110 Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory
Two ECON elective courses
ECON 0900 Economics Introduction to the Field Majors
ECON 1100 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 1110 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 1150 Applied Econometrics 1
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

Restrictions

- ECON 0800 is designed for non-majors and therefore does 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.
- Courses numbered 1900 or above do not count toward the major without departmental approval.
- With departmental approval, a maximum of 3 credits of Econ 1901 through 1903 may be counted as an elective toward the major.

Grade requirements for BA or BS in Economics

A minimum grade of C is required in ECON 0100, 0110, 1100, 1110. A minimum grade of B is required for MATH 0120, 0125, 0126, and a minimum grade of C is required for MATH 0220. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses that are counted toward the major 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
Note: These two options have their own major sheets

Economics organizations

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

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Checklist for the BA in Economics

_____ECON 0100
_____ECON 0110
_____ECON 0150
_____ECON _____ [1]
_____ECON 0900
_____ECON 1100
_____ECON 1110
_____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 1100

1. ECON 0800 does not count as an Economics elective course.

Checklist for the BS in Economics

_____ECON 0100
_____ECON 0110
_____ECON _____ [1]
_____ECON _____ [1]
_____ECON 0900
_____ECON 1100
_____ECON 1110
_____ECON 1150
_____ECON 1_____(1000-level elective)
_____ECON 17____(1700-series writing course)
_____MATH 0220
_____MATH 0230 or MATH 0235
_____STAT 1000 or 1100

1. ECON 0800 does not count as an Economics elective course.

Checklist for the Economics minor

A student must complete five 3-credit Economics courses, for a total of 15 credits, to complete the minor.

ECON 0800 and any course numbered 1900 or above do not count toward the minor.

A GPA of 2.0 is required in courses counted toward the minor.

The five courses are distributed as follows:

Both of the following courses

_____ECON 0100
_____ECON 0110

Three additional 3-credit ECON courses that are not ECON 0800, and are not numbered 1900 or above

_____ECON _____
_____ECON _____
_____ECON _____

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