

ECONOMICS MAJOR

The B.S. in Economics will provide each student with knowledge of current economic thought and will develop students' understanding of the role played by economic institutions in society. Having completed a thorough program integrating economic theory and practice, students will be prepared to effectively participate in society as informed citizens to promote social well-being. Students will be prepared to succeed in a wide array of positions in business, government, and nonprofit organizations and will be able to successfully pursue graduate work in economics, and related fields, predominately at the Masters level. Qualified majors will have an opportunity for honors and advanced coursework, intensive faculty interactions, national and regional competitions and activities, and economic research.

Graduates with a B.S. in Economics will be able to do the following:

- demonstrate the ability to present orally and in writing a coherent, logical economic argument grounded in economic theory;
- read and assess articles on economic topics;
- articulate orally and in writing the core economic principles, concepts and theories that form the foundation for economic analysis and economic research;
- investigate economic issues by synthesizing, building, and using theories/models to predict the behavior of economic agents; and
- evaluate economic issues and real world problems through data analysis and the application of appropriate statistical techniques, quantitative and/or qualitative methods.

Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international honor society in economics, is available to outstanding students.

Requirements for a Major in Economics

33 credits with EC designation

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|---|-----------|
| EC-110 | Introduction to Microeconomics | 3 |
| EC-120 | Introduction to Macroeconomics | 3 |
| EC-150 | Statistics (or another acceptable statistics course) | 3 |
| EC-200 | Intermediate Macroeconomics | 3 |
| EC-201 | Intermediate Microeconomics | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| EC-202 | Introduction to Mathematical Economics | |
| EC-306 | Introduction to Econometrics (or a course in which calculus is a primary topic) | |
| The remaining 15 (or more) credits may be chosen from economics electives in accordance with special interests and career objectives | | 15 |
| Total Credits | | 33 |

Students are encouraged to take an internship if their program permits.

Students pursuing a major in Economics and a minor in Business Administration may use one of the following EC courses to count both within the 12 credits of elective courses for the BA minor and within the 15 credits of electives for the EC major.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| EC-205 | Money, Banking, and Monetary Policy | 3 |
| EC-301 | Economic Development | 3 |
| EC-307 | International Finance | 3 |
| EC-308 | International Trade | 3 |

Once LASC requirements are satisfied, students may select general requirements.

BA courses that will count towards the major or minor in Economics:

Students pursuing a major or minor in Economics may elect to use ONE of the following BA courses to count towards their electives in the EC major/minor that may also count within the electives of the BA minor. (Note: There are 15 credits of electives in the EC major, 12 credits of electives in the EC minor, and 12 credits of electives in the BA minor.)

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------|------------------------------------|---------|
| BA-316 | Financial Management | 3 |
| BA-404 | Corporate Finance | 3 |
| BA-415 | Investment Analysis | 3 |
| BA-416 | Financial Markets and Institutions | 3 |

EC courses that will count towards the major in Business Administration and a minor in Economics:

Students pursuing a major in Business Administration and a minor in Economics may use TWO of the following EC courses to count in both within the 12 credits of elective courses for the BA major AND within the 12 credits of electives for the EC Minor (maximum of 2 EC courses listed below):

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| EC-205 | Money, Banking, and Monetary Policy | 3 |
| EC-301 | Economic Development | 3 |
| EC-307 | International Finance | 3 |
| EC-308 | International Trade | 3 |

EC courses that will count towards meeting the requirements of the International Business concentration.

A maximum of two of the EC courses listed below may be used.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| EC-301 | Economic Development | 3 |
| EC-307 | International Finance | 3 |
| EC-308 | International Trade | 3 |

EC courses that will count towards meeting the requirements of the Finance Concentration:

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| EC-205 | Money, Banking, and Monetary Policy | 3 |
| EC-307 | International Finance | 3 |

BA courses and EC courses that will count towards meeting the requirements of a double major in Business Administration and Economics:

Students pursuing a double major in Business Administration and Economics may use:

- TWO of the following EC courses to count within the 12 credits of elective (concentration) courses for the BA major, and
- ONE of the following BA courses to count within the 15 credits of elective courses for the EC major.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| EC-205 | Money, Banking, and Monetary Policy | 3 |
| EC-301 | Economic Development | 3 |
| EC-307 | International Finance | 3 |
| EC-308 | International Trade | 3 |
| BA-316 | Financial Management | 3 |
| BA-404 | Corporate Finance | 3 |
| BA-415 | Investment Analysis | 3 |
| BA-416 | Financial Markets and Institutions | 3 |

Students are required to meet with their department advisor to review their upcoming semester academic choices. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation.

Sample Timeline for Completion of Degree: Economics (for All Students Entering in Fall 2012 or Later)

The order of LASC courses indicated is only a sample. Students may select LASC courses that are available in any given term.

Year One

| Semester One | | Credits |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| LASC | First-Year Seminar | 3 |
| EN-101 | College Writing I (WR) | 3 |
| EC-120 | Introduction to Macroeconomics | 3 |
| EC-150 | Statistics | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (TLC) | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Semester Two

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|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| EN-102 | College Writing II (WR) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (CON) | 3 |
| EC-110 | Introduction to Microeconomics | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (QR) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (USW) | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Year Two

Semester Three

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|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| SELECT | Economics Elective (#1) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (CA) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (NSP) | 4 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (HBS) | 3 |
| Credits | | 16 |

Semester Four

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|---------------------|--|--------------|
| EC-202 or EC-306 | Introduction to Mathematical Economics or Introduction to Econometrics | 3 |
| SELECT | Economics Elective (#2) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (NSP) | 3-4 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (GP) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (QR) | 3 |
| Credits | | 15-16 |

Year Three

Semester Five

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|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| EC-201 | Intermediate Microeconomics | 3 |
| SELECT | Economics Elective (#3) | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (ICW) | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Semester Six

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|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| EC-200 | Intermediate Macroeconomics | 3 |
| SELECT | Economics Elective (#4) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective ¹ | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Year Four

Semester Seven

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|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| LASC/EC | Capstone course or Elective #5 | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective ¹ | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Semester Eight

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| SELECT | EC Capstone course or Elective #5 | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective ¹ | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Total Credits | | 121-122 |

¹ Students need 1 DAC, 1 WAC and 1 QLAC

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor to review their courses for the upcoming semester. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation. First-year and transfer students with 45 or fewer credits at the time of admission shall complete two academic programs (a major/major or major/minor) to qualify for graduation. For more information, please view the MajorPlus section of this catalog.