

ECONOMICS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Economics provides a logical, ordered way of looking at problems, issues, and policies regarding the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. It draws upon other social sciences and mathematics to confront a wide range of topics from environmental abuse to economic growth to business regulation and other governmental interactions with the commercial world. As economics in general deals with choice and decision making, it is of great value on both a personal and a professional level. Economics majors have a wide range of career choices, including government or business economist, banking economist, investment analyst, trade association economist and others. Students who distinguish themselves by high scholarship may be elected to Omicron Delta Epsilon ([ODE](#)) a national economics honorary organization.

Major

Requirements for the major in economics may be fulfilled by completion of one of the following programs. Two of the four economics electives must be at the 300 level or higher.

General Economics Major

A minimum of 27 credit hours in economics constitutes this major. Courses must include ECON 221, 222, 321, 322, and 325. In addition, either IDS 205 or MATH 240 is required.

Economics and Computer Analysis Major

A minimum of 27 credit hours in economics is required. Courses must include ECON 221, 222, 321, 322, and 325. Computer science courses which must be completed are CS 157 and 325. Also required is a minor in mathematics including MATH (124, 131, or 151), (122, 132, or 152), 240 and 320 (or an approved alternative).

General Economics Minor

A minimum of 18 credit hours in economics constitutes a minor. Courses must include ECON 221, (222 or 223), one of (321,322, or 325) and one additional course selected from 300 or above.

ECON 136 and ECON 486 will not count towards fulfilling the minimum major or minor requirements.

Degree

Completion of the degree requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences with a major in Economics leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Credit by Examination. Credit for ECON 221 and 222 may be earned through the College Level Examination Program subject examination in Introductory Economics.

Approval of Schedules

All students taking a major or minor in economics must have their schedules approved at the beginning of each semester.

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