

BA in Economics

Degree Program Description

Economics is a broad discipline that explores the factors that determine production, distribution, and consumption of resources. An Economics degree provides a good foundation on how the economy and the world works and an understanding of the effects of policy issues. The BA degree is designed for students who plan to continue their education in non-economics fields and for students who plan to seek employment after graduation. Post-graduate educational alternatives include law school or programs in the business school, political science and journalism. Graduates in Economics enter a diverse field of jobs in government, banking, insurance or other financial sectors, private sector businesses or even open their own businesses. Frequently, students in humanities or fine arts complete a BA in Economics as a second major in order to increase their employment potential.

Major Program Requirements

Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in all Economics, Mathematics and Statistics courses, and must have at least a 2.0 GPA in Economics courses to earn the degree. In addition to the major core requirements, students must complete college and University graduation requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>) including University general education requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>).

Major Core Requirements for BA Economics

Required Economics Coursework

ECONOM 1014 & ECONOM 1015 or ECONOM 1000	Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics General Economics	5-6
ECONOM 3271 or ECONOM 4371	Introduction to Applied Econometric Practice Introductory Econometrics	3
ECONOM 4351 or ECONOM 3251	Intermediate Microeconomics Managerial Economics	3
ECONOM 4353 or ECONOM 3229	Intermediate Macroeconomics Money, Banking and Financial Markets	3

Required Mathematics Coursework

MATH 1100	College Algebra	3
MATH 1400 or MATH 1500	Calculus for Social and Life Sciences I Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	3-5

Electives

Students must complete at least five (15 hours) Economics electives, with at least two courses (6 hours) at the 4000- level. One 3000+ level Economics course must be Writing Intensive. Students who double or dual major will be eligible to waive one 3000- level Economics Elective course.

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan will vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ECONOM 1014		3 ECONOM 1015	3
MATH 1100		3 MATH 1400	3
Second Language I		5 ENGLISH 1000	3
Humanities		3 Second Language II	5
Elective		2 Elective	2
		16	16

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ECONOM 4351		3 ECONOM 4353	3
Second Language III		3 ECONOM 3271	3
Social Science		3 American Government or History	3
Lab Science		4 Behavioral Science	3
Elective		3 Humanities	3
		16	15

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ECONOM 3000+ level elective		3 ECONOM 4000+ level elective	3
Behavioral Science		3 Humanities	3
Social Science		3 Elective	3
Humanities		3 Elective	3
WI Elective		3 Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ECONOM WI Elective		3 ECONOM 4000+ level elective	3
ECONOM 3000+ level elective		3 Elective	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
Elective		3	
		15	12

Total Credits: 120