

# ECONOMICS - BA

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in Economics offers a strong liberal arts curriculum aimed at enhancing students' analytical skills and applications to better understand human behavior.

The degree plan is designed to allow opportunities for applied exploration of economic principles and theory through research, internship, and study abroad while focusing on quantitative skills and the development of rational thought and critical thinking. In addition to requiring four semesters of a college-level foreign language, the Bachelor of Arts degree plan encompasses a broad spectrum of coursework from throughout the College of Arts and Sciences and Texas A&M University. By allowing for flexibility in courses that can be taken within the core curriculum, as well as for general electives, students can achieve a well-rounded education that can help with their future educational and professional goals.

To build a solid base of understanding, students take foundational courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and mathematics, then refine those skills in statistics and intermediate economic theory classes. In upper-level courses these reasoning abilities are applied to specific situations, with a particular focus on understanding social problems from an economics perspective.

Students who graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics have a wide spectrum of career fields to choose from. Many students pursue careers in business, law, government and public policy professions, non-profit organizations and more.

## Program Requirements

### First Year

| Fall   |  | Semester Credit Hours |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| ECON 202   | Principles of Economics  | 3                     |
| ENGL 104 or ENGL 103   | Composition and Rhetoric or Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition | 3                     |
| MATH 140   | Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences <sup>1,2</sup>          | 3                     |
| American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )                                     |  | 3                     |
| Foreign language <sup>3</sup>  |  | 4                     |
| <b>Semester Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>16</b>             |
| Spring   |  |                       |
| ECON 203   | Principles of Economics  | 3                     |
| MATH 142   | Business Calculus <sup>2,4</sup>                                     | 3                     |
| American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )                                     |  | 3                     |
| Foreign language <sup>3</sup>  |  | 4                     |
| Government/Political science ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> ) |  | 3                     |
| <b>Semester Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>16</b>             |

### Second Year

| Fall   |                                   |           |
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| ACCT 209   | Survey of Accounting Principles   | 3         |
| ECON 323   | Microeconomic Theory <sup>5</sup> | 3         |
| ECMT 461   | Economic Data Analysis            | 3         |
| Foreign language <sup>3</sup>  |                                   | 3         |
| Government/Political science ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> ) |                                   | 3         |
| <b>Semester Credit Hours</b>   |                                   | <b>15</b> |
| Spring   |                                   |           |
| ECON 410   | Macroeconomic Theory              | 3         |
| Communication ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> )  |                                   | 3         |
| Creative arts ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> )  |                                   | 3         |
| Foreign language <sup>3</sup>  |                                   | 3         |
| Economics elective <sup>6</sup>  |                                   | 3         |
| <b>Semester Credit Hours</b>   |                                   | <b>15</b> |

### Third Year

| Fall   |  |           |
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| Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )                 |  | 3         |
| Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> )     |  | 3         |
| Economics elective <sup>6</sup>  |  | 3         |
| General elective <sup>7</sup>  |  | 3         |
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| <b>Semester Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>15</b> |
| Spring   |  |           |
| Language, philosophy and culture ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> ) |  | 3         |
| Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )                 |  | 3         |
| Economics elective <sup>6</sup>  |  | 3         |
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| General elective <sup>7</sup>  |  | 3         |
| <b>Semester Credit Hours</b>   |  | <b>15</b> |

### Fourth Year

| Fall   |  |   |
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| Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )             |  | 3 |
| Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> ) |  | 3 |
| Economics elective <sup>6</sup>  |  | 3 |
| Literature directed elective ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/</a> )   |  | 3 |

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| General elective <sup>7</sup>   | 3          |
| <b>Semester Credit Hours</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Spring</b>   |            |
| Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> ) | 3          |
| Economics elective <sup>6</sup>   | 3          |
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| Literature directed elective ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/</a> )  | 3          |
| General elective <sup>7</sup>   | 1          |
| <b>Semester Credit Hours</b>  | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>  | <b>120</b> |

<sup>1</sup> MATH 148, MATH 152, or MATH 172 will be accepted in lieu of MATH 140.

<sup>2</sup> Students who wish to pursue a graduate degree in Economics (or other STEM Graduate Degree) are highly encouraged to take MATH 151 and MATH 152 in lieu of MATH 140 and MATH 142.

<sup>3</sup> Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/>) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.

<sup>4</sup> MATH 147, MATH 151, or MATH 171 will be accepted in lieu of MATH 142.

<sup>5</sup> ECON 323 is a pre-requisite for most ECON electives.

<sup>6</sup> Select from ECMT 463, ECMT 475; ECON 301-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/econ/>).

<sup>7</sup> ECON 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/econ/>) and ECMT 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ecmt/>) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

No more than 36 credits in economics and econometrics can be applied to this degree. A grade of C or higher is required for all Economics and Econometrics coursework.