

ECONOMICS - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

The combined program between the Department of Economics and The Bush School of Government and Public Service allows undergraduate Economics students to enter the Master of Public Service Program, with a focus in Public Policy Analysis, at the beginning of their fourth year at Texas A&M University. This program combines the teaching of analytical thinking skills and applications to better understand human behavior as it relates to public policy and management along with skills in leadership and research methods.

Students will be required to complete the same two-year, 48-hour curriculum as other students admitted to the Bush School's MPSA program. Students will double-count 9 hours of Bush School courses toward the undergraduate major coursework area and up to 9 hours toward general electives in the Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. At the completion of the combined degree, students are prepared for a wide variety of post-graduate opportunities including: employment in local, state or federal government, non-profit organizations, or government contracting.

Students interested in this program will apply during the fall of their junior year and, if admitted, begin taking masters-level courses in the fall of their senior year with an undergraduate classification. Students are reclassified as degree seeking master's students upon completing 102 credit hours, typically in the following semester. These credit hours must include all specific course prerequisites for a baccalaureate degree in Economics, as well as the courses required by the College of Liberal Arts and by Texas A&M University for an undergraduate degree.

Program Requirements

First Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ECON 202	Principles of Economics	3
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Select one of the following:	3
	MATH 140 Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
	MATH 148 Calculus II for Biological Sciences	
	MATH 152 Engineering Mathematics II	
	MATH 172 Calculus II	
	Foreign language ¹	4
	Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
	Semester Credit Hours	16

Spring

ECON 203	Principles of Economics	3
	Select one of the following:	3
	MATH 142 Business Calculus	

MATH 147	Calculus I for Biological Sciences	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 171	Calculus I	
	Foreign language ¹	4
	Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
	Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Second Year

Fall

ECMT 461	Economic Data Analysis	3
ECON 323	Microeconomic Theory ²	3
	Foreign language ¹	3
	Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
	Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
	Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)	3

Semester Credit Hours 18

Spring

ECON 410	Macroeconomic Theory	3
	American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
	Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
	Foreign language ¹	3
	Economics elective ³	3
	General elective ⁴	1

Semester Credit Hours 16

Third Year

Fall

	Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
	Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
	Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
	Economics elective ³	3
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	General elective ⁴	3

Semester Credit Hours 18

Spring

ACCT 209	Survey of Accounting Principles	3
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American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Economics elective ³	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)	3
Semester Credit Hours	18
Fourth Year	
Fall	
BUSH 631 Quantitative Methods in Public Management I ⁵	3
PSAA 601 Foundations of Public Service ⁶	3
PSAA 621 Economic Analysis ⁶	3
PSAA 643 Foundations of the Nonprofit Sector ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Spring	
PSAA 611 Public Policy Formation ⁵	3
BUSH elective ⁵	3
BUSH elective ⁷	3
PSAA elective ⁷	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Fifth Year	
Fall	
PSAA 675 Public Service and Administration Capstone Seminar	3
BUSH/PSAA elective ⁷	3
BUSH/PSAA elective ⁷	3
PSAA elective ⁷	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Spring	
PSAA 676 Public Service and Administration Capstone Seminar II	3
PSAA elective ⁷	3
PSAA elective ⁷	3
PSAA elective ⁷	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Credit Hours	150

¹ Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/>) 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.

² ECON 323 is a pre-requisite for most ECON electives.

³ Select from ECMT 463, ECMT 475; ECON 301-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/econ/>).

⁴ ECON 100-ECON 499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/econ/>) and ECMT 100-ECMT 499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ecmt/>) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

⁵ Courses can count towards the general elective on the BA degree plan.

⁶ Courses can count towards the economics elective on the BA degree plan.

⁷ BUSH graduate advisor will assist with BUSH/PSAA course selection for chosen track in graduate program.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://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.

The program includes a total of 168 hours which up to 18 hours may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Arts in Economics and the Master of Public Service Administration.

Students can double-count up to 9 hours of Bush School courses toward the undergraduate major coursework area and up to 9 hours toward general electives in the Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

Economic Electives

In addition to the electives for the BA in ECON, the following courses may be selected for the ECON-MPSA program: BUSH 632, BUSH 635; PSAA 621, PSAA 622, PSAA 638, PSAA 640.

See the MPSA program in the Graduate and Professional Catalog for the MPSA requirements.