

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 Liberal Arts 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	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	
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Foreign language ¹		4
Semester Credit Hours		16

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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
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Semester Credit Hours 16

Second Year

Fall		
ACCT 209	Survey of Accounting Principles	3
ECON 323	Microeconomic Theory ²	3
Foreign language ¹		3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)		3
General elective ³		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

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Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)		3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Foreign language ¹		3
Economics elective ⁴		3
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Semester Credit Hours 15

Third Year

Fall		
ECMT 461	Economic Data Analysis	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 ⁴		3
General elective ³		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

ECON 410	Macroeconomic Theory	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Economics elective ⁴		3
General elective ³		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Fourth Year

Fall		
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3

Economics elective ⁴	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)	3
General elective ³	3
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Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
Economics elective ⁴	3
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General elective ³	1
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Semester Credit Hours	13
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Total Semester Credit Hours	120

- 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 ECON 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/econ/>) and ECMT 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ecmt/>) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
- ⁴ Select from ECMT 463, ECMT 475; ECON 301-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/econ/>).

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.