



Twin Cities Campus

Economics B.A.

Economics

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2013
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 34 to 40
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Economics emphasizes critical thinking and the understanding of basic economic principles. The B.A. gives students a solid background in economics, is the least quantitative of the three economics majors, and provides excellent preparation for students interested in working immediately after graduation or considering law school.

Students choose from courses in comparative economic systems, economic theory, econometrics, economic development, game theory, industrial organization, cost-benefit analysis, environmental, financial, international, mathematical, monetary, public, and labor economics.

For more information, visit www.econ.umn.edu.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 3 courses before admission to the program.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

Required prerequisites

Preparatory Coursework

Note: these courses do not factor into the overall length in credits of the major.

[MATH 1271](#) - Calculus I [MATH] (4.0 cr)

[ECON 1101](#) - Principles of Microeconomics [SOCS, GP] (4.0 cr)

[ECON 1102](#) - Principles of Macroeconomics (4.0 cr)

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

All major coursework must be taken A-F. Up to 3 credits of independent study (ECON 3991) may count toward the major. Supporting work in computer science, mathematics, and statistics is recommended. Only one country/area study course (ECON 3960, 4311, 4313, or 4315) or DUS-approved study-abroad course may count toward the electives requirement. All study-abroad or transfer courses must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies in the Department of Economics. Students must complete at least 12 credits of upper-division coursework (ECON 4xxx-5xxx) in residence at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities campus. Students must take at least one writing intensive course in the major, or take ECON 4100W concurrently with ECON 4831, or an honors course. Students may receive no more than one undergraduate degree from the Department of Economics: a B.A. or a B.S. or a minor.

Beginning fall 2012, all incoming CLA freshman must complete the appropriate First Year Experience course sequence. Specific information about this collegiate requirement can be found at: http://class.umn.edu/degree_requirements/index.html

Major Requirements

[ECON 3101](#) - Intermediate Microeconomics (4.0 cr)

[ECON 3102](#) - Intermediate Macroeconomics (4.0 cr)



[STAT 3011](#) - Introduction to Statistical Analysis [MATH] (4.0 cr)

[STAT 3022](#) - Data Analysis (4.0 cr)

Electives

At least one 4xxx-5xxx course must be writing intensive.

Students may substitute ACCT 5100 and other selected 5xxx APEC courses for one of the six required elective courses, with the prior approval of the director of undergraduate studies.

ECON 4431W, 4631, 4721, 4731, 4741, and 4751 are also offered as four-credit honors courses open to all students.

Take 6 or more course(s) totaling 18 or more credit(s) from the following:

- ECON 3960 ~~{Inactive}~~(3.0 cr)
- ECON 4109H ~~{Inactive}~~(4.0 cr)
- ECON 4113 ~~{Inactive}~~(4.0 cr)
- ECON 4171 ~~{Inactive}~~(3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4211](#) - Principles of Econometrics (4.0 cr)
- [ECON 4311](#) - Economy of Latin America (3.0 cr)
- ECON 4313 ~~{Inactive}~~(3.0 cr)
- ECON 4315 ~~{Inactive}~~(3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4331W](#) - Economic Development [WI] (3.0 cr)
- ECON 4337 ~~{Inactive}~~(3.0 cr)
- ECON 4421W ~~{Inactive}~~[WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4431W](#) - International Trade [GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4432W](#) - International Finance [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4531](#) - Labor Economics (3.0 cr)
- ECON 4621H ~~{Inactive}~~(4.0 cr)
- [ECON 4631](#) - Industrial Organization and Antitrust Policy (3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4721](#) - Money and Banking (3.0 cr)
- ECON 4731 ~~{Inactive}~~(3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4751](#) - Financial Economics (3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4821](#) - Public Economics (3.0 cr)
- [ECON 4831](#) - Cost-Benefit Analysis (3.0 cr)
- ECON 4960 ~~{Inactive}~~(4.0 cr)
- ECON 5890 ~~{Inactive}~~(3.0 cr)

Senior Project

This requirement may be waived if a senior project has been completed in another CLA department.

[ECON 3951](#) - Economics Capstone (2.0 cr)

or [ECON 3991](#) - Independent Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

or A term paper from an upper-division writing intensive course with a minimum grade of A-.

or Honors project or thesis (up to 6 credits).

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Honors UHP

This is an honors sub-plan.

Students admitted to the University Honors Program (UHP) must fulfill UHP requirements, in addition to degree program requirements. Honors courses used to fulfill degree program requirements will also fulfill UHP requirements.

Current departmental honors course offerings are listed at:

http://www.honors.umn.edu/academics/curriculum/dept_courses_current.html

Honors students complete an honors thesis project in the final year, most often in conjunction with an honors thesis course, or with an honors directed studies, or honors directed research course. Students select honors courses and plan for a thesis project in consultation with their UHP adviser and their departmental faculty adviser.