

ECONOMICS MAJOR

Department of Economics (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/economics/>)
Division of Social Sciences

At its heart, economics is a social science that seeks to explain human behavior. Far from being limited to questions of the demand and supply for goods and services, economics seeks to answer questions spanning a wide range of issues. These include poverty, discrimination, crime, pollution, education, international trade, taxation, natural resource management, and many other areas. Unlike the study of business management which focuses on improvements for a single firm or industry, economics takes a societal view that examines the impact of decisions or policies on individuals, households, businesses, taxpayers, the environment, and the country or the world as a whole.

In order to examine the impacts of policies from a societal view, economic analysis relies on a highly quantitative analytical method that requires knowledge of microeconomic and macroeconomic theory, mathematical modeling, statistics, and logic. Graduates who have mastered the “economic way of thinking” are prepared to move on into successful careers. Our majors have gone on to careers in law, business, finance, foreign service, government, consulting, education, and research. For those wishing to pursue graduate school, Economics majors tend to score very well on entrance exams. Nationwide, Economics graduates tend to score better than majors from business management, political science, international studies, psychology and virtually every other field of study on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Law School Admission Test (LSAT), and the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). Many of our majors have successfully completed graduate school in these areas.

Economics Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits	Notes
Required Courses		20	
ECN 111	Principles of Macroeconomics		
ECN 112	Principles of Microeconomics		
ECN 211	Intermediate Macroeconomics		
ECN 212	Intermediate Microeconomics		
ECN 215	Data Analysis I		
5 Additional Courses 300 or 400 Level		20	
Elective 1			
Elective 2			
Elective 3			
Elective 4			
Elective 5			
Senior Capstone Experience (ECN SCE)		2-4	
Total Credits		42-44	

Students fulfill the college's Writing in the Major requirement (W3) by taking ECN 215 Data Analysis I. Majors must also complete the Senior Capstone Experience, which is fulfilled by writing a thesis or passing comprehensive exams.

In addition, the department encourages activities outside the classroom by helping interested individuals find suitable projects and programs, including independent studies, study abroad, and internships. In some cases, upper-level academic credit may be earned.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ECN 112	4 ECN 111	4
HPS/CHN/FRS/GRS 101, CHN 201, HPS 201, FRS 201, or GRS 201	4 HPS/CHN/FRS/GRS 102, 202, CHN 202, FRS 202, or GRS 202	4
General Education Elective	4 General Education Elective	4
Elective Course	4 Elective Course	4
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ECN 211	4 ECN 212	4
ECN 200-, 300-, 400- level	4 ECN 215	4
General Education Course	4 General Education Course	4
General Education Course	4 Elective Course	4
	16	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ECN 200-, 300-, 400- level	8 ECN 200-, 300-, 400- level	4
General Education Course	4 ECN 200-, 300-, 400- level	4
General Education Course	4 Elective Course	4
	Elective Course	4
	16	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ECN 200-, 300-, 400- level	4 ECN SCE	4
Elective Course	4 Elective Course	4
Elective Course	4 Elective Course	4
Elective Course	4 Elective Course	4
	16	16

Total Credits 128

Major

- Business Management Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/business-management/business-management-major/>)
- International Studies Major (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/international-studies-major/>)

Minor

- Economics Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/departments-programs/economics/economics-minor/>)
- International Economics Minor (<https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/interdisciplinary/international-economics-minor/#text>)