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# *B.A. in Financial Economics*

College of Business and Economics

## *What Is the Study of Financial Economics?*

The study of Economics will provide an understanding of economic concepts and the function of the economy in addition to the ability to apply economic analysis in problem solving. The Economics Department strives to provide a program which gives students rigorous training in both economic theory and applications.

## *Why Should I Consider This Major?*

This major is designed for students interested in both economics and finance, and is aimed particularly at those who wish to pursue careers in corporate finance, financial analysis, insurance and real estate, and/or government agencies where special emphasis is placed on financial economic knowledge.

## *How to Declare:*

Admission to programs in the College of Business and Economics (CBE) is selective and based upon prior academic performance and other evidence of high promise. Students may apply for admission to the College any time after they are offered admission to Western Washington University.

Complete the online application form at:

<http://www.cbe.wvu.edu/College/Applications.asp>

## *Mid-Program Checkpoint:*

Students intending to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in Financial Economics within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and to seek early departmental advisement.

### **Coursework:**

Complete prerequisites and co-requisites for major courses:

ECON 206, 207

MATH 157 or Math 124 or equivalent

MIS 220 or CSCI 101

ACCT 240, 245

DSCI 205 or equivalent

### **Other Activities:**

Student club activities

The Economics Association

Financial Management Association

### *Contact Information:*

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### *Sample Careers:*

Actuary

Financial Planner/Analyst

Government

Investment Banker

Budget Analyst

Banking/Securities

Financial Economist

Business Forecaster



## Financial Economics Major Requirements: 94-96 Credits

ECON 206 Introduction to Microeconomics (4)

ECON 207 Introduction to Macroeconomics (4)

ECON 303 The History of Economic Thought (4)

ECON 306 Intermediate Microeconomics (4)

ECON 307 Intermediate Macroeconomics (4)

ECON 375 Introduction to Econometrics (4)

ECON 411 Monetary Economics (4)

MATH 157 Calculus w/ Applications to Business and Economics (4)

Or MATH 124 Calculus and Analytic Geometry (5) or equivalent

Economics upper-division electives under departmental advisement (12 credits, at least 8 credits at the 400-level)

FIN 341 Principles of Finance (4)

FIN 440 Investments (4)

FIN 441 Intermediate Financial Management (4)

FIN 444 Financial Institutions and Markets (4)

(Financial Economics majors may substitute ECON 375 for DSCI 305 as the prerequisite for FIN 441.)

Finance upper-division electives under departmental advisement (12 credits, at least 8 credits at the 400-level)

ACCT 240 Financial Accounting (4)

ACCT 245 Managerial Accounting (4)

ACCT 341 Intermediate Accounting Theory & Practice I (4)

ACCT 342 Intermediate Accounting Theory & Practice II (4)

MIS 220 Introduction to Business Computer Systems (2)

Or CSCI 101 Personal Computers (3)

DSCI 205 Business Statistics (4) *or equivalent*

\*ECON 311 may not be counted toward this major.

Note: Take one Communication Focus (CF) course and complete the upper-division Writing Proficiency (WP) requirement. The CF and WP courses must be taken within CBE and can be completed as part of the above required and elective courses.

### *Economics and Finance Options:*

B.A. Economics (66-69 credits)

B.A. Economics/Mathematics (94-95 credits)

B.A. Economics/Accounting (100-101 credits)

B.A. Economics/Political Science (94-96 credits)

B.A. Economics/Environmental Studies (103-104 credits)

B.A. Politics/Philosophy/Economics (83 credits)

B.A. Economics/Social Studies (90-94 credits)

B.A. Business Administration—Finance Concentration (91-92 credits)

Minor in Economics (24 credits)

**These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.**

**QSR:** MATH 124 or 157

**SSC:** ECON 206, 207

**WP:** Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.