

2009-2010

B.A. in Economics

College of Business and Economics

What Is the Study of Economics?

The study of Economics will provide an understanding of economic concepts and the functioning 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?

A degree in Economics can be the gateway to many careers. Professional economists are employed as advisors and researchers in both business and government and as teachers and researchers in academic institutions. Employment as an Economist generally requires the completion of graduate studies beyond the bachelor's degree. Western's graduates in Economics hold a variety of jobs in business and teaching. In addition, many of Economics graduates have had a high success rate for admissions to professional schools in law and business.

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.

Students interested in Economics Major Programs, please see the Economics Department in Parks Hall 315 for information.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in 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 seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

ECON 206, 207

MATH 157 or 124 or equivalent

DSCI 205 or equivalent

MIS 220 or CSCI 101

Other Activities:

Student club activities - The Economics Association

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Sample Careers:

Actuary/Banking

Financial Planner/ Analyst

Urban/ Regional Planner

Economic Researcher

Corporate Attorney

Financial Economist

Real Estate

Business Management

Insurance Consultant



Economics Major Requirements: 66-69 Credits

Required Courses:

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)

DSCI 205 Business Statistics (4) *(or equivalent)*

MATH 157 Calculus with Applications to Business and Economics (4)

Or MATH 124 Calculus & Analytic Geometry (5) *(or equivalent)*

MIS 220 Introduction to Business Computer Systems (2)

Or CSCI 101 Personal Computers (3)

College of Business and Economics electives (32 credits)

- At least 24 credits must be upper-division credits in Economics
- At least 16 of the 24 credits from Economics must be at the 400 level.

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.

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

QSR: MATH 124 or MATH 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.

Other Economics Options:

B.A. Financial Economics (94-97 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)

Minor in Economics (24 credits)