

2009-2010

B.A. in Economics/Social Studies

College of Business and Economics
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

What Is the Study of Economics/Social Studies?

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?

This major is open to any student who desires to study Economics and a variety of other social sciences. It is specifically designed for students desiring to pursue a career in teaching.

Secondary Education students who wish to be endorsed in Social Studies may choose this major. However, the Economics/Social Studies degree does not require that a student pursue a teaching certificate.

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 Art degree in Economics/Social Studies 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 124 or Math 157 or equivalent

DSCI 205 or equivalent

MIS 220 or CSCI 101

ANTH 201 or one of SOC 221, 251, 260, 268

EGEO 201; and EGEO 250 or 2 additional geography credits

HIST 103, 104

PLSC 250

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Sample Careers:

Elementary Teacher
High School Teacher
Government
Economist
Entrepreneur
Insurance Consultant



Economics/Social Studies

Major Requirements: 90-91 Credits

Economics required courses: 50-51 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)
DSCI 205 Business Statistics (4) *or equivalent*
MIS 220 Introduction to Business Computer Systems (2)
Or CSCI 101 Personal Computers (3)
MATH 157 Calculus w/Applications to Business and Economics (4)
Or MATH 124 Calculus and Analytic Geometry (5) *or equivalent*

Upper-division electives in Economics under departmental advisement to complete the required 90 credits of the major, at least 8 credits must be at the 400 level.

Take one Communication Focus (CF) course and complete the upper-division Writing Proficiency (WP) requirement. The CF course must be taken within CBE while the WP requirement can be met with courses from any of the combined major departments. These requirements can be completed as part of the above required and elective credits.

Social Studies required courses: 40 credits

- ANTH 201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (5)
Or one of:
SOC 221 Introduction to Population Issues (5)
SOC 251 Sociology of Deviant Behavior (5)
SOC 260 The Family in Society (5)
SOC 268 Gender and Society (5)
EGEO 201 Human Geography (4)
EGEO 250 Geographic Information Systems Survey (2)
Or two additional Geography credits (2)
PLSC 250 The American Political System (5)
HIST 103 American History to 1865 (4)
HIST 104 American History since 1865 (4)
HIST 391 History of the Pacific Northwest (4)
3 Additional History Courses (12 credit min.) distributed as follows:
- One course in Ancient History
 - One course from two of the following areas:
 - Europe
 - East and South Asia
 - Africa and Middle East
 - Western Hemisphere (outside U.S.)

A 2.0 (C) minimum is required in each course taken in the major.

Washington State Teacher Certification

To receive a recommendation for state of Washington certification, students must complete the “teacher certification” program, including the content methods course Sec 426, which is offered by the Department of Secondary Education 1) as a part of the undergraduate BA degree, or 2) as a post-baccalaureate program, or 3) as a part of the Master’s in Teaching program. See the *Secondary Education* section of this catalog for program admission, completion, and teacher certification requirements.

Completion of this combined major leads to an endorsement in social studies. Courses required for a state teaching endorsement must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

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

- QSR:** MATH 157
HUM: HIST 103, 104
SSC: ECON 206, 207,
PLSC 250,
EGEO 201
ANTH 201
SOC 221, 251, 260
BCGM: SOC 268

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. Economics (66-69 credits)
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)
Minor in Economics (24 credits)