



Why pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Economics?

Economics is a fascinating major that is relevant to every imaginable aspect of human behavior and provides explanations for many everyday observations. To mention a few—Why are some countries more economically disadvantaged than others? Why does the Federal Reserve take the punch bowl away when the party gets going? Why do professional baseball players earn more than professional football players? Why does the government seek to regulate monopolies? Why do we seem to make so little progress in the war on drugs?

If you want to develop effective policies for solving business and social problems, then the economics major is definitely for you. The Bachelor of Arts in Economics also provides excellent preparation for graduate work in the social sciences, business, journalism, for law school or for challenging careers in just about any area of business and government. Skills learned in economics are tremendous assets for future managers of any firm or organization.

Economics is also a good choice for students who are undecided about the future direction of their careers. The economic approach to problem solving can be applied to other disciplines, and since economics is a core subject in business and the social sciences, it is easy to pursue other areas of interest later in your career.

In sum, if you want an intellectually-exciting major that is also rewarding, then economics is especially for you.

What career opportunities are available?

Economics helps you develop skills that open doors to a wide range of careers. Economists work as analysts, advisers and consultants on Wall Street; in the health care industry; insurance and banking; the private sector in general; multinational firms; international agencies such as the International Monetary Fund and World Bank; in national, state, county and local government agencies. Economics is an international profession. The same skills are used in all countries and in all areas of life to solve problems. This is the reason that firms, government agencies, schools, universities and non-profit institutions hire economists to forecast economic conditions, to advise on pricing products,

to evaluate public projects, to study environmental problems and much more. Economists are needed by firms and government in both times of recessions and economic booms. It is a recession-proof career!

What are the admission requirements?

Admission to the economics major involves two steps. Students who apply to the major are initially classified as pre-economics. After completing the lower-division core requirements with grades of at least a “C,” students may apply to the economics major. Pre-economics students may take lower-division business and economics courses, but most upper-division courses are not open to those students.

What are the program requirements?

Our program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. All students complete required lower-division courses and upper-division courses along with 15 units of economics electives; six units must be 400 level.

Required Lower-Division Courses (21-23 units)

Accounting 201A Financial Accounting (3 units)

Accounting 201B Managerial Accounting (3 units)

OR Math 150B Analytic Geometry and Calculus (4 units)

Business Administration 201 Business Writing (3 units)

Economics 201 Principles of Microeconomics (3 units)

Economics 202 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 units)

Information Systems/Decision Sciences 265 Introduction to Computing and Application Software (3 units)

Math 130 Short Course in Calculus (4 units)

OR Math 135 Business Calculus (3 units)

OR Math 150A Analytic Geometry and Calculus (4 units)

Required Upper-Division Courses (15 units)

Business Administration 301 Advanced Business Communication (3 units)

Economics 310 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis (3 units)

Economics 320 Intermediate Macroeconomics Analysis (3 units)

Economics 340 Economic Research Methods (3 units)

Information Systems/Decision Sciences 361A Quantitative Business Analysis: Probability and Statistics (3 units)

Economics Electives (15 units)

Choose 15 units of upper-division economics electives, six units of which must be 400. No more than three units of independent study may be used to meet the other 400-level electives required.

Economics 330 Comparative Economics Systems (3 units)

Economics 331 Economies in Transition (3 units)

Economics 332 Economies of the Pacific Rim (3 units)

Economics 333 Economic Development: Analysis and Case Studies (3 units)

Economics 334 Economics of Latin America and the Caribbean (3 units)

Economics 335 The International Economy (3 units)
Economics 350 American Economic History (3 units)
Economics 351 European Economic History (3 units)
Economics 361 Urban Economics (3 units)
Economics 362 Environmental Economics (3 units)
Economics 410 Industrial Organization (3 units)
Economics 411 International Trade (3 units)
Economics 412 Labor Economics (3 units)
Economics 413 Law and Economics (3 units)
Economics 416 Benefit Cost and Microeconomic Policy Analysis (3 units)
Economics 417 Public Finance (3 units)
Economics 420 Money and Banking (3 units)
Economics 421 Monetary and Fiscal Policy (3 units)
Economics 431 International Macroeconomics and Growth (3 units)
Economics 433 The Less Developed Countries and the World Economy (3 units)
Economics 440 Introduction to Econometrics (3 units)
Economics 441 Introduction to Mathematical Economics (3 units)
Economics 442 Economics of Conflict and Defense (3 units)
Economics 450 History of Economic Thought (3 units)
Economics 461 Ecological Economics (3 units)
Economics 462 Natural Resource Economics (3 units)
Economics 499 Independent Study (3 units)

Please refer to the Department of Economics section of the university catalog for additional requirements regarding other subjects, grades and residence. For information on special electives offered by the Department of Economics, please call the department's office at (714) 278- 2228, or visit the department's website at business.fullerton.edu/economics/.

Minor in Economics

The economics minor covers the basics in the discipline of economics and gives students the opportunity to explore personal interests through electives. Students need to earn a grade of at least "C" in each course listed below.

Required Lower-Division Courses (6 units)

Economics 201 Principles of Microeconomics (3 units)
Economics 202 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 units)

Required Upper-Division Courses (9 units)

Business Administration 301 Advanced Business Communication (3 units)
Economics 310 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis (3 units)
OR Economics 315 Intermediate Business Microeconomics (3 units)
Economics 320 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis (3 units)

Electives (9 units)

Choose nine units of upper-division economics electives.

For students interested in a teaching credential, the Department of Economics offers courses that may be included in Subject Matter Preparation Programs

and Supplementary Authorization Programs for elementary and secondary teaching.

How can I obtain a teaching credential?

For further information on the requirements for teaching credentials, call the department office at (714) 278-2228, or call the Department of Secondary Education at (714) 278-3411, for information on attending an orientation meeting.

How can I get involved?

The Economics Association is an active student organization that hosts a speaker series that deals with academic topics, career information and current events. It is an avenue that provides active networking in the field of economics to supplement the degree program. In addition, the association sponsors professional development activities such as trips to the Los Angeles Federal Reserve Bank and the Pacific Stock Exchange, which provide an inside look at the opportunities available to individuals with an economics degree.

Who advises me?

Academic advisement for all undergraduate economics students can be obtained in the Business Advising Center. Information is available on admission requirements, curriculum and graduation requirements and transfer course requirements. The center is located in Langsdorf Hall 731, and is open Monday through Thursday on a walk-in basis. For further information and specific hours, call (714) 278-2211, or e-mail at bizdoc@fullerton.edu.

Where can I learn more?

For additional information on careers or specific questions about courses in the economics program, you may contact the faculty career path adviser. Office hours, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for faculty members are available from the Department of Economics office at (714) 278-2228, or on the website at business.fullerton.edu/economics/.