



Bachelor of Science
In Economics

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

The ideas of economics, including unemployment, inflation, free trade, efficiency, taxation, deficits, and opportunity cost, surround us and many of the forces shaping our world are also economic in nature. The economics student learns to identify, understand, and appreciate those forces. Economics provides an excellent background for most entry-level business positions. It compares well with other liberal arts disciplines and general business degrees. Example employment positions include:

- Insurance Account Representative
- Analyst, Consulting Firm
- Stock Broker
- Financial Consultant
- Loan Administrator
- Sales Manager
- Human Resource Manager
- Process Engineer
- Operations Manager
- Recruiter
- Underwriter
- Legislative Aide
- Claims Adjuster
- Data Modeling Analyst

A variety of entry-level government positions are also open to economics majors. It is a strong program for students considering law school as well. Some careers in economics require an advanced degree. An advanced degree allows students to qualify for jobs with a greater emphasis on economic analysis.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

- Economics Club; Advisor: Dr. Mary Ellen Benedict, 372-8221
- Omicron Delta Epsilon – a chapter of the international Economics Honorary; Advisor: Dr. Mary Ellen Benedict, 372-8221

CURRICULUM:

The Bachelor of Science in Economics degree is designed for students who desire a degree with a solid analytical basis but with the flexibility to study a variety of other areas. Because there are few requirements in the program, it is ideally suited for students who want a double major in economics together with sociology, political science, history, mathematics, psychology, and philosophy. Requirements for the major include courses in Mathematics, English and University BG Perspective courses. Thirty credit hours of economics are required (beyond ECON 202 and 203). The Department specifies 12 of these credit hours; the other 18 can be chosen from the electives offered by the Department. More than 20 non-economics hours can be chosen by the student with the approval of his/her adviser.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- The hallmark of the program is its flexibility.
- The Department consists of 13 faculty with expertise in a large number of areas.
- Economics courses are largely taught by Ph.D. faculty and are generally interactive in nature.
- The Department sponsors a series of speakers both from within the Department and from across the country to speak about economic topics.
- According to the 2006 Salary Survey which lists U.S. average annual incomes, the average salary for finance/economics graduates was \$44,588.
- Scholarships are available for outstanding economics students.

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Degree Requirements

BG Perspective (University general education)

General requirements: In addition to BG perspective requirements

- **Mathematics and statistics** - Each student is required to complete with a letter grade:
 - MATH 126 or 131, or both 134 and 135. Students are strongly urged to take MATH 131, or 134 and 135, rather than 126. Credit for MATH 090, 095, 098 and 112 does not count toward the degree. Only three hours of credit for MATH 120 count toward the degree.
 - STAT 211 and 212.
- **Natural sciences** - One lab science course from the list of natural science courses for the BG Perspective program is required and may be counted toward BG Perspective.
- **Social and behavioral sciences** - Four courses from the list of social and behavioral sciences courses for the BG Perspective program: ECON 202, 203 (completed with a letter grade) and two additional courses. Any two of the four courses may be counted toward BG Perspective.
- **Humanities and arts** - Three courses from the list of humanities and arts courses for the BG Perspective program. Any two of the three courses may be counted toward BG Perspective.
- **Oral and written communications** - All economics majors must satisfy a written and oral communications requirement in economics. Certification by an economics faculty member that the requirement has been met is required.

Major requirements (45 hours)

- **Core courses** – all courses must be completed with a letter grade:
 - ECON 302, 303, 473
 - three hours of quantitative economics from ECON 401 or 402
 - 18 additional hours of 300- and 400-level ECON or approved related courses
- **Cognate concentration** – all courses must be completed with a letter grade:
 - 15 hours selected from the areas of business administration, arts and sciences or education, after consultation with and approval of the program adviser.

Free electives - Economics (except ECON 200) or other courses may be used as free electives to complete the minimum degree requirements of 122 credit hours. The number of credit hours needed (18-31) is determined by the number of hours taken as University, general degree or major requirements.

Free electives should be selected in consultation with the faculty adviser. IPC 102 and at least one course in computer science are recommended.

Students must meet prerequisites in effect at the time of course enrollment. Check course prerequisites at <http://webapps.bgsu.edu/courses/search.php>.

Note: ECON 200 may not be counted toward the cognate concentration or free electives.