

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan
B.A. Economics
FALL 2021 Requirements

The curriculum in the Economics major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that an Economics degree can be completed in four years. This document is for the Economics major offered through the College of Letters and Sciences. See the College of Business and Economics webpage ([www.edu/cobe](http://www.uw.edu/cobe)) for information on the Economics BBA degree. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
General Education Elective	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Total Credits	14

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 143 Finite Math for Business and Social Sciences	3
Economics 201 Microeconomics	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
Total Credits	15

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). An additional math pathway for Economics majors would be to complete Math 142 College Algebra (4 units) as the first math course and then Math 243 Calculus for Business and Social Sciences.

Opportunities: Joining a university-sponsored club and actively participating is strongly encouraged. Involvement in a club or activity will help you develop interpersonal skills, give you the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills, and adds to your resume.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
Economics 202 Macroeconomics	3
Math 243 or 250 Calculus for Business/Social Sciences	4-5
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
BA World Language course	4
Total Credits	14-15

Spring Semester	Units
Economics 245 Business Statistics	3
BEINDP 290 Business Writing	2
U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course	3
BA World Language course	4
Minor course	3
Total Credits	15

Notes: For the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, students must complete two semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the second level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English are eligible to waive the language requirement.

Opportunities: Undergraduate research is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid. Many students plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uw.edu/international>). In addition, faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Economics 301 Intermediate Microeconomics	3	Economics 302 Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
Economics 300/400-Level elective	3	Economics 345 Econometrics	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5	Economics 300/400-Level elective	3
Minor course	3	Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Minor course	3	Minor course	3
Total Credits	16-17	Total Credits	15

Notes: Economics majors have the opportunity to choose 12 units of elective coursework to complete the major. These courses must be at the 300 or 400-Level and can include internship, undergraduate research, and independent study courses.

Opportunities: An internship (Economics 493) is not required for the major but can be a great opportunity for practical experience. An internship is an experiential learning opportunity that provides students with hands-on experience in a potential career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship by the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year. An internship for credit can count in the 12 elective units in the major.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Economics 300/400 Level Elective	3	Economics 489 Economics Senior Capstone	3
Economics 300/400-Level elective	3	BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3	Minor course	3
Minor course	3	Minor course	3
Minor course	3	Electives to total 120 (if needed)	0-4
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	12-16

Notes: Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a certificate without extending time to degree. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers. All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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