

# ECONOMICS, B.A.

Economics is the study of how individuals, firms and nations make choices when confronted with limited resources. At Saint Louis University, economics majors learn to apply theory and problem-solving skills while balancing public policy with the choices faced by today's society.

My learning experiences have always been engaging and fulfilling, and there is always an abundance of opportunities to grow here at SLU. Without a doubt, the Department of Economics makes sure students graduate feeling confident, finding purpose, and being real-world ready." — Safa Siddiqui, class of 2021

## Curriculum Overview

You'll research microeconomic issues that are relevant to decision-making for individuals, private businesses and public policy, as well as macroeconomic issues, data and frameworks for examining the economies of the world and how they relate to each other.

## Internships/Student Organizations

Saint Louis University's urban location provides many internship opportunities, which allow economics students to gain career-related work experience while applying classroom learning to practice. Most internships are paid, and students may earn academic credit. Supervised by both a representative from the organization and a faculty mentor, economics students at SLU have interned with financial institutions and governmental agencies.

The department sponsors an Economics Club for students interested in economics. This club provides a link between students and a career in the field of economics, offering students opportunities to establish networking relationships with potential employers.

## Careers

SLU's Department of Economics has an excellent record of placing graduates in both graduate and professional programs, which lead to high-profile jobs.

## Admission Requirements

**Begin Your Application (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)**

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application.

### Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test.

### Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshmen

admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all previously attended college(s).

In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the Office of Admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

## International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid> (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to understand essential business concepts and how the various functional areas of business are related.
2. Graduates will be able to demonstrate knowledge of ethical concepts and corporate social responsibility and be able to evaluate business problems from multiple ethical perspectives.
3. Graduates will be able to identify and structure business problems and propose actionable solutions to business problems and when applicable utilizing appropriate technology.
4. Graduates will be able to demonstrate effective written communication in the discipline of economics.
5. Graduates will be able to understand how cultures, politics, laws, ethics, and economies influence and impacts business and use tools and concepts to analyze and formulate an international business strategy.

6. Graduates will be able to engage in quantitative reasoning, specifically:
- Analyze and interpret empirical evidence to evaluate economic arguments, and
  - Analyze and evaluate policies based on economic principles.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
College core requirements (p. 2)		<b>57-66</b>
For additional information about core courses		
ECON 1900	Principles of Economics	3
ECON 3010	Introduction to Econometrics	3
ECON 3120	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ECON 3140	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
OPM 2070	Introduction to Business Statistics	3
MATH 1320	Survey of Calculus	3-4
	or MATH 1510 Calculus I	
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Select five of the following:		<b>15</b>
ECON 3790	Economies of Latin America	
ECON 4080	Industrial Organization and Public Policy	
ECON 4120	Law and Economics	
ECON 4160	History of Economic Analysis	
ECON 4200	Money and Banking	
ECON 4300	International Trade	
ECON 4310	Exchange Rates and Global Economics	
ECON 4450	Economics of Int'l Migration	
ECON 4500	Sports Economics	
ECON 4560	Economic Development	
ECON 4600	Public Finance	
ECON 4650	Public Choice and Political Economy	
ECON 4700	Health Economics	
ECON 4770	Advanced Econometrics	
<b>General Electives</b>		<b>30-20</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

## Continuation Standards

Economics students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA in all economics courses used to fulfill major requirements.

## Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Please note: beginning in Fall 2022, all incoming SLU undergraduates –regardless of major, program, college or school–will complete the University Core curriculum. You can find more information about SLU's common Core here: <a href="https://www.slu.edu/core/index.php">https://www.slu.edu/core/index.php</a> ( <a href="https://www.slu.edu/core/">https://www.slu.edu/core/</a> )		
<b>Core Components and Credits</b>		
	Foundations of Discourse	3
	Diversity in the U.S.	3
	Global Citizenship	3
	Foreign Language	0-9
	Fine Arts	3
	Literature	6

Mathematics	3
Natural Science	6
Philosophy	9
Social Science	6
Theology	9
World History	6
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>57-66</b>

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses numbered below 1000).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements
- Complete major requirements: minimum 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or electives to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Courses listed under the intensive English program do not count toward graduation requirements. EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr), EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies (3 cr) and EAP 2850 Nation, Identity and Literature (3 cr) count toward graduation requirements as equivalents to Department of English courses.

In addition to those courses, six credits from EAP/MLNG courses at the 1000 level or higher may count toward graduation requirements

- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s) and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete department/program-specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

## Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
MATH 1200	College Algebra	3
UNIV 1010	Enhancing First-Year Success	1
Arts & Sciences Core		3

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Arts & Sciences Core	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

**Spring**

ECON 1900	Principles of Economics	3
MATH 1320	Survey of Calculus or MATH 1510 or Calculus I	3
OPM 2070	Introduction to Business Statistics	3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3

**Credits 15**

**Year Two**

**Fall**

ECON 3120	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ECON 3140	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3

**Credits 15**

**Spring**

ECON 3010	Introduction to Econometrics	3
ECON 4XXX	Economic Major Elective	3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3

**Credits 15**

**Year Three**

**Fall**

ECON 4XXX	Economic Major Elective	3
ECON 4XXX	Economic Major Elective	3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3

**Credits 15**

**Spring**

ECON 4XXX	Economic Major Elective	3
ECON 4XXX	Economic Major Elective	3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3

**Credits 15**

**Year Four**

**Fall**

Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3
Arts & Sciences Core		3

**Credits 15**

**Spring**

Arts & Sciences Core		3
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Arts & Sciences Core	3
Arts & Sciences Core	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3

**Credits 15**

**Total Credits 121**

- 1 Must have completed by end of sophomore year
- 2 See list of A&S core required for business students
- 3 MATH 1510 Calculus I (0,4 cr) highly recommended
- 4 Must take 2nd semester sophomore year unless studying abroad
- 5 See list of Economics electives
- 6 Must have completed all other Business Common Body of Knowledge courses

## Madrid

Students can complete the B.A. in Economics at SLU-Madrid.

Learn More (<http://www.slu.edu/madrid/academics/degrees-and-programs/economics.php>)