ECONOMICS, B.A.

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

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 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, students 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

The department has an excellent record of placing graduates in both graduate and professional programs, which lead to high-profile jobs.

Admission Requirements

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 course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on 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. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from 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.

International Applicants

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

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/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: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should 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 http://finaid.slu.edu.

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.
5. Graduates will be able to demonstrate effective written communication in the discipline of economics.
6. 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.
7. Graduates will be able to engage in quantitative reasoning, specifically:
   a. Analyze and interpret empirical evidence to evaluate economic arguments, and
   b. Analyze and evaluate policies based on economic principles.
## Requirements

### Code | Title | Credits
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#### College core requirements (p. 2)
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
or MATH 1510 | Calculus I | 3

#### Elective Courses
Select five of the following: 15

- 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 4400 | Labor 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 |

### General Electives
30-21

### Total Credits
120

## 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
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#### Foundations of Discourse
- 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
or MATH 1510 | Calculus I | 3

#### Elective Courses
Select five of the following: 15

- ECON 3790 | Economies of Latin America |
- ECON 4080 | Industrial Organization and Public Policy |
- ECON 4120 | Law and Economics |
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- ECON 4700 | Health Economics |
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### Total Credits
120

## 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 elective credits 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 Introduction to Literature for International Students (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 Dept/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
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#### Year One
#### Fall
MATH 1200 | College Algebra | 3
### Year One

#### Fall
- **BIZ 1000/1002** Business Foundations 1
- **ENGL 1900** Advanced Strategies Of Rhetoric and Research 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Credits 16

#### Spring
- **MATH 1320** Survey of Calculus 1, 3 or **MATH 1510** Calculus I 3
- **ECON 1900** Principles of Economics 3
- **OPM 2070** Introduction to Business Statistics 3
- **CMM 1200** Public Speaking 1 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Credits 15

### Year Two

#### Fall
- **ACCT 2200** Financial Accounting 3
- **ITM 2000** Information Technology with Supply Chains 3
- **IB 2000** Introduction to International Business 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Credits 15

#### Spring
- **ACCT 2220** Accounting for Decision Making 3
- **BIZ 3000** Career Foundations 4 1
- **MGT 2000** Legal Environment of Business I 3
- **ECON 3120** Intermediate Macroeconomics 3 or **ECON 3140** Intermediate Microeconomics 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Credits 15

### Year Three

#### Fall
- **MGT 3000** Management Theory and Practice 3
- **ECON 3120** Intermediate Macroeconomics 3 or **ECON 3140** Intermediate Microeconomics 3
- **FIN 3010** Principles of Finance 3
- **MKT 3000** Introduction to Marketing Management 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Credits 15

#### Spring
- **ECON 3010** Introduction to Econometrics (Major) 3
- Major: Economics Elective 5 3
- **OPM 3050** Introduction to Management Science and Operations Management 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Arts & Sciences Core 2 3
- Credits 15

### Year Four

#### Fall
- Major: Economics Elective 5 3
- Major: Economics Elective 5 3

#### Total Credits
- 120

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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 (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