Economics, B.A.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the third semester begins: at least one-quarter of the semester hours required for graduation.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least half of the semester hours required for graduation.


Before the eighth semester begins: at least two applied field courses.

During the eighth semester: all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course | Title | Hours
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Academic Career | | 
Any Semester | GE CLAS Core: Sustainability | 0
First Year | | 
Fall | ECON:1100 | Principles of Microeconomics | 4
or RHET:1030 | Rhetoric | 3 - 4
or ENGL:1200 | or The Interpretation of Literature | 
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency | 4 - 5
CSI:1600 | Success at Iowa | 2
Elective course | 2
| Hours | 15-17
Spring | ECON:1200 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 4
MATH:1350 | Quantitative Reasoning for Business | 4
ENGL:1200 | The Interpretation of Literature | 3 - 4
or RHET:1030 | or Rhetoric | 
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency | 4 - 5
| Hours | 15-17
Second Year | | 
Fall | ECON:3100 Intermediate Microeconomics | 3
or ECON:3150 Intermedia | 
Macroeconomics | 
STAT:1030 Statistics for Business | 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency | 4 - 5
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion | 3
Elective course | 2
| Hours | 16-17
Spring | ECON:3150 Intermediate Macroeconomics | 3
or ECON:3100 Intermediate Microeconomics | 
ECON:3300 Introduction to Econometrics | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency | 4 - 5
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab | 4
Elective course | 2
| Hours | 16-17
Third Year | | 
Fall | Major: applied field course | 3
Major: applied field course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
| Hours | 15
Spring | Major: applied field course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab | 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
| Hours | 15
Fourth Year | | 
Fall | Major: applied field course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
| Hours | 15
Spring | Major: applied field course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
Elective course | 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) | 3
| Hours | 15
| Total Hours | 122-128

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and
Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
c Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
d Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
e Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.
f Both ECON:3100 and ECON:3150 must be completed at the University of Iowa.
g GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
h Students must complete five ECON courses (15 s.h.) numbered 3325-3875 with the exception of ECON:3870.
i At least three of the applied field courses must be completed at the University of Iowa.
j Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.