Economics, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in economics requires a minimum of 120 s.h. of coursework, including at least 40 s.h. of coursework for the major. To graduate, students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all college coursework attempted, all coursework attempted at the University of Iowa, all college economics coursework attempted, and all economics coursework attempted at the University of Iowa. Coursework in the major may not be taken pass/nonpass. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in economics must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Students may be able to count a limited amount of transfer credit toward the economics major, but they are required to complete the following courses at the University of Iowa: ECON:3100 Intermediate Microeconomics, ECON:3150 Intermediate Macroeconomics, and three of the applied field courses.

The major requires courses in mathematics and statistics, economic theory, and in applied field courses. Students should pay close attention to the order in which they take courses because some courses are prerequisites for others.

The Department of Economics offers ECON:3050 Professional Preparation in Economics. This is not a required course to complete the BA with a major in economics; however, it is highly recommended for economics students as it prepares them for internships and future academic and professional career paths.

The BA with a major in economics requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Mathematics and Statistics Courses	11
Economic Theory Courses	14
Applied Field Courses	15

Mathematics and Statistics Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
ECON:3300	Introduction to Econometrics: Causal Inference With Data	3
MATH:1350	Quantitative Reasoning for Business	4
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4

Economic Theory Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
ECON:1100	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON:1200	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECON:3100	Intermediate Microeconomics (must be taken at the University of Iowa)	3
ECON:3150	Intermediate Macroeconomics (must be taken at the University of Iowa)	3

Applied Field Courses

Students complete five applied field courses (15 s.h.) selected from economics courses (prefix ECON) numbered 3325–3875, excluding ECON:3870 Federal Reserve Challenge. Three of the applied field courses must be taken at the University of Iowa. Students are not guaranteed specific applied field courses. The availability of courses may be subject to prerequisites or restrictions.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. Visit Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.