Economics

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Objectives

The courses in economics are designed to acquaint students with the economy in which they live and to relate these courses to all other social sciences. The analytical approach in the economics courses provides the students with the tools of analysis necessary to solve problems and make decisions in the private and public sectors. The major courses cover topics such as economic fluctuations and growth, income distribution, international trade and finance, urban problems, industry analysis, and the economics of the environment. Students who perform especially well are encouraged to pursue graduate work in preparation for professional status as economists in business, government, or the academic world. A major in economics, in combination with selected courses in political science, communications, and business, provides excellent preparation for law school and MBA or MPA programs.

Degree Offered

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Major Offered

Economics
Economics with a Specialization in International Economic Development

Minor Offered

Economics
International Economic Development

Bachelor of Arts in Economics
Major in Economics

In order to earn the bachelor of arts in economics degree with a major in economics, students must complete a minimum of 180 quarter credits with a cumulative and major grade point average of 2.25, including the following:

I. Core Curriculum Requirements

ENGL 110 College Writing: Inquiry and Argument 5
PHIL 110 Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking 5

Choose one of the following two courses: 5
HIST 120 Origins of Western Civilization
HIST 121 Studies in Modern Civilization

ENGL 120 Introduction to Literature 5
MATH 130 Elements of Calculus for Business (or MATH 134) *5
Fine Arts (one approved 5 credit course; see course descriptions) 5
PHIL 220 Philosophy of the Human Person 5
Lab Science 5
Social Science I (not economics) 5
Social Science II (different from Soc Science I; not economics) 5
Theology and Religious Studies Phase II (200-299) 5

Ethics (BETH 351/PHIL 351 required) ***5**
Theology and Religious Studies Phase III (300-399) **5**
Interdisciplinary ..... **3 to 5**
Senior synthesis filled by ECON 470 or 489.

*Major requirements must earn a C- grade or better.

II. Major Requirements*

65 credits, including:

ECON 260	**Business Statistics**	**5**
ECON 271	**Principles of Economics-Macro**	**5**
ECON 272	**Principles of Economics-Micro**	**5**
ECON 310	**Quantitative Methods and Applications**	**5**
ECON 330	**International Economics Events and Business Decisions**	**5**
ECON 374	**Intermediate Microeconomics**	**5**
ECON	**Electives**	**30**

Choose from: upper-division ECON courses, excluding ECON 489. FINC 343 may be included.

Choose one of two courses for senior synthesis: 5

ECON 470	**History of Economic Thought**
ECON 489	**Senior Research (with permission of department chair)**

III. Additional Requirements

General electives to total 180 ..... **45 to 47**
ACCT 230 Principles of Financial Accounting and MGMT 280
Communications for Business are recommended general electives.

NOTE: Internships or independent studies may not satisfy major requirements.

*Major requirements must earn a C- grade or better.

Specialization in International Economic Development

In order to earn the bachelor of arts degree in economics with a specialization in international economic development, students must complete a minimum of 180 quarter credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.25, including the following:

I. Core Curriculum Requirements

Same as bachelor of arts in economics

II. Major Requirements*

65 credits, including:

ECON 260	**Business Statistics**	**5**
ECON 271	**Principles of Economics-Macro**	**5**
ECON 272	**Principles of Economics- Micro**	**5**
ECON 310	**Quantitative Methods and Application**	**5**
ECON 330	**International Economic Events and Business Decisions**	**5**
ECON 374	**Intermediate Microeconomics**	**5**
ECON	**Electives**	**30**

Electives in International Economic Development ..... **15 to 20**
Choose from: ECON 325, 375, 376, 378, 472, 477, 479. Students many not count both ECON 325 and 472 toward the specialization. With prior approval, one Seattle University economics study tour course to a developing country can count toward the specialization.

General Economic Electives ..... 10 to 15

Choose from: upper-division ECON courses, excluding ECON 489 and those listed for International Economic Development. FINC 343 may be included.

Choose one of two courses for senior synthesis:..... 5

ECON 470	**History of Economic Thought**
ECON 489	**Senior Research (with permission of chair)**

III. Additional Requirements

Same as bachelor of arts in economics.

*Major requirements must earn a C- grade or better.

IV. Supplemental Activities

Choose one of the following activities:

- An internship with a government agency or NGO involved with international economic development, approved by the Department of Economics.
- A minimum of one quarter (15 quarter credits) of related studies in an acceptable program in a developing country. The country and the course work must be approved prior to study abroad by the Albers School and Seattle University.
- Participation in a Seattle University sponsored international study tour or campus ministry tour to a developing country.
- Participation in Seattle University's International Development Internship Program.