

ECONOMICS (BA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Unit: College of Business (BU) (<https://www.louisville.edu/business/>)
Department: Economics (<https://business.louisville.edu/economics/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): EC_ _BA

Program Information

The Department of Economics provides a thorough education in economics to UofL undergraduate students with majors and minors in the department as well as students from other academic programs. A primary departmental objective is promoting the understanding of the economy through economic analysis of industry, non-profit institutions, and government at the micro- and macroeconomic levels. Students develop comprehension, reasoning, and quantitative skills through their study of domestic and global economic issues.

Degree Summary

| Code | Title | Hours |
|------|---|------------|
| | General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹ | 31 |
| | 6 hours of General Education requirements may be satisfied through coursework required by the degree program | |
| | College/School Requirements ^{1,2} | 53 |
| | Program/Major Requirements | 24 |
| | Supporting Courses | 18 |
| | Minimum Total Hours | 120 |

¹ To complete the degree in the **minimum number of hours** listed, some hours from the General Education Requirements must be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements will require additional hours to complete the degree requirements (or decrease the indicated electives). See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

² College/School Requirements total includes 6 hours of required courses that also satisfy General Education hours requirements.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements New Students and Transfer Students

Admission to the College of Business (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/admission/college-business/>) ensures admission to the BA in Economics.

Current Students - Admission in Good Standing

Students must have both:

1. Earned a 2.8 cumulative GPA (students with an established UofL GPA may not include grades for coursework at another institution in consideration for admission); and
2. Completion of MATH 111 College Algebra - QR (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>) (or equivalent) or completion of MATH 180 Elements of Calculus - QR (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)

General Education Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|---|-------|
| | General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹ | 31 |
| The following program requirements satisfy General Education requirements and are included in the total hours listed below | | |
| MATH 180 | Elements of Calculus - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |
| | or MATH 205 Calculus I - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |
| ECON 202 | Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). To complete the degree in the **minimum number of hours** listed on the Overview tab, some hours from the General Education Requirements must be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program.

College/School Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|-------|
| College of Business Requirements | | |
| CAMP 100 | Campus Culture/Business Students | 1 |
| MATH 205 | Calculus I - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ^{2,3} | 3-4 |
| | or MATH 180 Elements of Calculus - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |
| ECON 201 & ECON 202 | Principles of Microeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁴ | 6 |
| BUS 201 | Career Development | 1 |
| BSTA 201 | Business Statistics ⁵ | 3 |

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| Foreign Language ⁶ | 12 |
| Non-business electives (12 hours - 300+ level) | 12 |
| Non-business electives | 15 |
| Minimum Total Hours | 53 |

Total of 53 includes 3 credit hours of ECON and 3 credit hours of MATH that are also counted in the 31 General Education hours above. See notes.

Program/Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|--|-----------|
| Economics Breadth | | |
| ECON 301 | Intermediate Microeconomics | 3 |
| ECON 302 | Intermediate Macroeconomics | 3 |
| ECON 475 | Senior Economics Seminar - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | 3 |
| Electives in Economics ⁷ | | 15 |
| General Electives (6-18 hours - 300+ Level) | | 18 |
| Minimum Total Hours | | 42 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|-------|-------|
| Supporting Courses | | |
| General Electives (6-18 hours - 300+ Level) | | 18 |

Six hours of US & global perspectives courses are required and may be incorporated within the degree program.

All prerequisites must be followed.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|--|-------|
| Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement) | | |
| Requirement fulfilled by completing: | | |
| ECON 475 | Senior Economics Seminar - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |

¹ College/School Requirements satisfy 6 hours of the General Education (3 hours Quantitative Reasoning and 3 hours Social & Behavioral Sciences).

² MATH 205 or MATH 180 must be taken as a required math course for all Economic majors. Their prerequisite(s) may be used as General Electives.

³ Also completes the Quantitative Reasoning General Education requirement. Student who take MATH 205 to satisfy the program Math requirement will reduce the number of general electives required to reach the minimum number of hours for the degree by one (1).

⁴ ECON 202 completes 3 hours of General Education Social & Behavioral Sciences.

⁵ Students entering College of Business as inter-unit transfers or transfers from another university having completed another statistics course may sit for an equivalency statistics examination to get credit for that course.

⁶ Completion of three semesters of Foreign Language (9-12 hours). Languages with three semesters but less than 12 hours must be made up as elective hours.

⁷ Either PPE 300 or FIN 301 may be taken as 3 hours of Economics electives. ECON 290 may also be taken as 3 hours of Economics electives.

⁸ To complete the degree in the minimum number of hours listed, some hours from the General Education Requirements must be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements will require additional hours to complete the degree requirements (or decrease the listed electives).

Flight Plan

| Year 1 | | | Hours |
|---|--|--|-----------|
| Fall | | | |
| CAMP 100 | Campus Culture/Business Students | | 1 |
| ECON 201 | Principles of Microeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | 3 |
| ENGL 101 | Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | 3 |
| General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science – S | | | 3 |
| General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science Lab - SL | | | 1 |
| Foreign Language | | | 4 |
| Hours | | | 15 |
| Spring | | | |
| ENGL 102 | Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | 3 |
| MATH 205 or MATH 180 | Calculus I - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Elements of Calculus - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | 3-4 |
| ECON 202 | Principles of Macroeconomics - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | 3 |
| Non-Business Elective | | | 3 |
| Foreign Language | | | 4 |
| Hours | | | 16 |
| Year 2 | | | |
| Fall | | | |
| BUS 201 | Career Development | | 1 |
| General Education: Cardinal Core Historical Perspective - SBH | | | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | | 3 |
| BSTA 201 | Business Statistics | | |
| MATH 109 | Elementary Statistics - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | |
| PSYC 301 | Introduction to Social Statistics | | |
| SOC 301 | Introduction to Social Statistics | | |
| General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities US Perspectives – AHP1 | | | 3 |
| General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science – S | | | 3 |
| Foreign Language | | | 4 |
| Hours | | | 17 |
| Spring | | | |
| ECON 301 | Intermediate Microeconomics | | 3 |
| Non-Business Elective | | | 3 |
| General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication – OC | | | 3 |
| General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities – AH | | | 3 |
| Non-business elective | | | 3 |
| Hours | | | 15 |
| Year 3 | | | |
| Fall | | | |
| ECON 302 | Intermediate Macroeconomics | | 3 |
| Economics Elective | | | 3 |
| General Elective (300-level or above) | | | 3 |
| Non-Business Elective (300-level or above) | | | 3 |

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| Non-Business Elective | 3 |
| Hours | 15 |
| Spring | |
| Economics Elective | 3 |
| Economics Elective | 3 |
| Non-Business Elective (300-level or above) | 3 |
| Non-Business Elective (300-level or above) | 3 |
| General Elective (300-level or above) | 3 |
| Hours | 15 |
| Year 4 | |
| Fall | |
| Economics Elective | 3 |
| General Elective (300-level or above) | 3 |
| Non-Business Elective | 3 |
| General Elective (300-level or above) | 3 |
| General Elective (300-level or above) | 3 |
| Hours | 15 |
| Spring | |
| ECON 475 | Senior Economics Seminar - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) |
| Economics Elective | 3 |
| Non-Business Elective (300-level or above) | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Hours | 12 |
| Minimum Total Hours | 120 |

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)