ECONOMICS (B.A.)

The B.A. in Economics combines rigorous training in economic theory with application to contemporary issues such as globalization, financial market volatility, and the environment. The Economics program is a tight-knit community, and majors and minors can expect to work closely with faculty and with each other. The economic honors society, Omicron Delta Epsilon, organizes field trips to conferences and brings in visiting speakers and alumni. Recent graduates have gone on to careers in business and government, to law school, and to graduate programs in economics and politics, as well as M.B.A. programs.

All majors will complete a four-course economic theory sequence that includes ISECON-104 Introduction to Macroeconomics and ECON-103 Introduction to Microeconomics (in either order), along with ECON-204 Intermediate Macroeconomics and IIECON-310 Game Theory (in either order). It is strongly recommended that students take ECON-204 Intermediate Macroeconomics and IIECON-310 Game Theory soon after the ISECON-104 Introduction to Macroeconomics and ECON-103 Introduction to Microeconomics prerequisites to get the most benefit from this theoretical background in their elective courses. Both ECON-204 Intermediate Macroeconomics and IIECON-310 Game Theory should be completed by the end of the junior year, so that the student is prepared for electives.

In addition, majors complete three additional economics electives offer at the 300-level. Further, Econometrics (ECON-420 Econometrics) is required, and students are advised to take during their final year of study. Employers value this skill, and graduate programs in economics will expect it. Finally, each major must complete one course in introductory statistics (MATH-141 Introductory Statistics, PSYC-251 Psychological Statistics, or MGT-140 Quantitative Decision-Making) as well as either Precalculus (MATH-112 Precalculus) or Calculus (MATH-211 Calculus I).

If you plan to continue into any graduate program, it is strongly suggested that you meet with a faculty member by your junior year to ensure that you are adequately prepared. Statistics is the only math preparation required if you intend to pursue an M.B.A., law school, or a graduate program in a field other than economics. However, a graduate program in economics will require calculus and linear algebra as well.