

The Department of Economics offers two degrees, the BA in Economics and the BS in Economics. By any standard, both curricula are technical and rely heavily on the calculus prerequisites. Any major in Economics will receive rigorous training in microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics and their application to strategic decision-making, labor economics, public finance, financial markets, statistics and many other fields. Numerous studies have shown that the labor market return for Economics majors are among the highest at the university.

<b>BA in Economics</b>	<b>BS in Economics</b>
Provides rigorous training and exposure to Economics as a social science and its applications to various policies and problems, within a standard Liberal Arts curriculum.	A good fit for students seeking a more technical exploration of economics, which will include supplementary coursework in mathematics, statistics, and/or computer science.
<b>Primary Curriculum Differences</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculus: Two course sequence or M 408Q</li> <li>• ECO 420K Micro Theory</li> <li>• 4 ECO electives, two must have ECO 420K as a prerequisite</li> <li>• <a href="#">Intermediate Foreign Language Proficiency</a></li> <li>• Requires a <a href="#">minor or certificate</a></li> <li>• STEM Designation: No</li> <li>• Explore Degree Plans <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculus: Two course sequence</li> <li>• ECO 420S Mathematical Micro Theory</li> <li>• 4 ECO electives: three must have ECO 420K as a prereq and 2 of those must be "Advanced."</li> <li>• <a href="#">Beginning Foreign Language Proficiency</a></li> <li>• Requires 16+ hours in <a href="#">Additional Science</a></li> <li>• STEM Designation: Yes</li> <li>• Explore Degree Plans <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>
<p>Choose BA if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You like to apply economic analysis to various social issues. Since the BA has more free electives, you have a chance to study economics as it applied to various fields such as labor markets, the environment, developing economics, etc.</li> <li>• You are interested in a wide range of careers, including business related careers</li> <li>• You are interested in law school, an MBA, or other graduate programs such as city planning or public policy</li> <li>• You want to double major in another non-STEM major</li> <li>• You want to minor in a field outside of your major (such as finance, government, or communication studies)</li> </ul>	<p>Choose BS if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are quantitatively inclined. You enjoy math and would like to use math and statistics to analyze economics issues. You want to take additional coursework in Math, Stats, or Computer Science</li> <li>• Your preferred job would be quantitative in nature, such as data analysis or research.</li> <li>• You want to pursue a graduate degree in economics.</li> <li>• You are already a Math, SDS, or C S major and want to add ECO as a second major</li> <li>• You are an international student who would like extra time in the US after graduating AND you are comfortable with quantitative, technical coursework</li> </ul>
<p>Poor Reasons to choose BA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You think that since the calculus requirement is less involved than the BS, it won't be a quantitative major.</li> </ul>	<p>Poor Reasons to choose the BS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You want to avoid the BA foreign language requirement.</li> <li>• You think the BS looks better to employers</li> <li>• You did eventually pass your calculus classes but it was a struggle</li> </ul>
<p>Potential Career Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consulting</li> <li>• Investment Banking or other Finance related fields</li> <li>• Government or non-profits</li> </ul>	<p>Potential Career Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Analyst</li> <li>• Research Assistant</li> <li>• Economics Graduate School</li> </ul>