

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

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		
Fall		Hours
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

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>)