

ECONOMICS, BA

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Economics is about more than money and profits. It is a way of looking at the world through the lens of incentives, choices, and markets to help uncover new solutions to the persistent problems in our society. This economic perspective sheds light on important issues in the areas of production, education, crime, the environment, international trade, immigration, health care, economic growth, poverty, and more. The Bachelor of Arts in Economics is designed for students with a strong interest in the liberal arts. It is appropriate for those who prefer a less quantitative degree program than the Bachelor of Science in Economics and may be especially appropriate for students planning to attend law school or graduate programs in business or public administration.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete a minimum of 48 credits of required coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students in the concentration in philosophy, politics, and economics complete a minimum of 70 credits. Students must also complete ECON 103 Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and ECON 104 Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) with at least a 2.00 (C) in each.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP5 Undergraduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Some economics courses may fulfill the Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirement in global understanding or the college requirement in non-Western culture. Check with the departmental advising office for more information.

Core Courses without Concentration

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 103	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

ECON 104	Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 306	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ECON 311	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies	3
ECON 345	Introduction to Econometrics	3
Select one from the following:		3
MATH 108	Introductory Calculus with Business Applications (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HNRT 225	Applied Calculus	
MATH 113	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Total Credits		21

Statistics

Code	Title	Credits
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
BUS 210 & BUS 310	Business Analytics I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) and Business Analytics II	
STAT 250 & STAT 350	Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) and Introductory Statistics II	
STAT 344 & STAT 354	Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists I and Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists II	
Total Credits		6

Electives without Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits of electives from courses in economics at the 300 or 400 level (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/econ/)		15
Select 6 credits of electives from courses in economics at the 400 level or higher. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/econ/)		6
Total Credits		21

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ECON 385 International Economic Policy may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Core Courses with Concentration in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

The 66 credit concentration in philosophy, politics, and economics offers students a program that explores the interdisciplinary connections between philosophy, political science, and economics.

Economics

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 103	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 104	Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 306	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ECON 311	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
ECON 345	Introduction to Econometrics	3
Select one from the following:		3
MATH 108	Introductory Calculus with Business Applications (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HNRT 225	Applied Calculus	
MATH 113	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Total Credits		18

Statistics

Code	Title	Credits
Select one from the following:		6
BUS 210 & BUS 310	Business Analytics I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) and Business Analytics II	
STAT 250 & STAT 350	Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) and Introductory Statistics II	
STAT 344 & STAT 354	Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists I and Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists II	
Total Credits		6

Electives with Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits of electives in economics at the 300 and 400 level or higher. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/econ/) ¹		15
Total Credits		15

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Philosophy

Code	Title	Credits
Foundational		
Choose one from the following:		3
PHIL/GOVT 324	Modern Western Political Theory	
or PHIL/GOVT 327	Contemporary Western Political Theory	
Electives		
Choose two from the following:		6
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	
PHIL 371	Philosophy of the Natural Sciences	

PHIL 358	Ethics and Economics	
Culminating		
PHIL 353	Theories of Justice	3
Total Credits		12

Political Science

Code	Title	Credits
Foundational		
GOVT 133	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Electives		
Choose two from the following:		6
GOVT 101	Democratic Theory and Practice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	
GOVT 307	Legislative Behavior	
GOVT 308	The American Presidency	
GOVT 312	Political Parties and Campaigns	
GOVT 318	Interest Groups, Lobbying, and the Political Process	
GOVT/PHIL 323	Classical Western Political Theory	
GOVT 331	Politics of Latin America	
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	
GOVT 334	Politics of Europe	
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	
GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	
GOVT 367	Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

GOVT 422	Constitutional Interpretation	
GOVT 423	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	
GOVT 443	Law and Ethics of War	
Culminating		
GOVT 467	How Washington Really Works	3
Total Credits		12

Culminating Course in Economics

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 460	Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3
Total Credits		3

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated as "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in economics fulfill this requirement by successfully completing one of the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 355	The Political Economy of Nonprofit Institutions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 365	Topics in Economic History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 395	Effective Writing in Economics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 435	Economics of Energy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 470	Economics of Regulation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 485	Smithian Political Economy I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

Upper Level Requirements

Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.

Additional Electives

Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120.

College Level Requirements for the BA Degree

In addition to the Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) program, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill a college level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements (Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements or requirements for the major).

Philosophy or Religious Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PHIL (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/phil/) ¹		
RELI (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/reli/)		

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Note that the following courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement:

- PHIL 323 Classical Western Political Theory
- PHIL 324 Modern Western Political Theory
- PHIL 327 Contemporary Western Political Theory
- PHIL 393 Humanities College to Career
- PHIL 460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Additionally, PHIL 253, RELI 235, RELI 333, and RELI 339 cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature>) requirement.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits of social and behavioral sciences from the following (additional to the Mason Core social and behavioral sciences requirement) ¹		3

ANTH (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/anth/)	
CRIM (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/crim/)	
ECON (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/econ/)	
GOVT (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/govt/)	
HIST (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/) ²	
LING (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/ling/)	
PSYC (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/psyc/)	
SOCI (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/)	
Or choose from the following GGS courses:	
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 103	Human Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
GGG 301	Political Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 304	Population Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 305	Economic Geography
GGG 306	Urban Geography
GGG 315	Geography of the United States
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America
GGG 320	Geography of Europe
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
GGG 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia
GGG 357	Urban Planning
GGG 380	Geography of Virginia

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The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

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HIST 100 and HIST 125 may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Foreign Language

Code	Title	Credits
Intermediate-level proficiency in one foreign language, fulfilled by: ¹		
Completing 3 credits in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher level courses taught in the language) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/)		
Or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test		
Or completing the following ASL three course sequence:		
EDSE 115	American Sign Language (ASL) I	
EDSE 116	American Sign Language (ASL) II	
EDSE 219	American Sign Language (ASL) III	

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Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/>).

Non-Western Culture

Select 3 credits of an approved course in the study of a non-Western culture (additional to the Mason Core requirement in global understanding)

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits (additional to Mason Core Global Understanding requirement) ¹		
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 314	Zombies	3
ANTH 317	East Asian Cultures	3
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
ARAB 365	Black and Minority Cultures in Arabic Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 317	The Black Pharaohs: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Nubia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CHIN 470	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3
DANC 118	Global Dance Perspectives I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	3
GGG 317	Geography of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3
GGG 399	Select Topics in GGS	3
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	3
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	JAPA 380	Japan in Motion	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 300	Korean Culture and Society	3
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 385	Introduction to Korean Linguistics	3
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 326	Stalinism	3	RELI 211	Introduction to Religions of the "West" (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3	RELI 212	Introduction to Religions of Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 312	Islam (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3	RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 317	Daoism	3
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 318	Korean Philosophy and Religions	3
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith	3
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 342	Comparative Study of Mysticism	3
HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 344	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 358	Islamic Thought (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3	RELI 367	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 368	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3-6	RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3	RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3	WMST 407	Transnational Sexualities	3

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A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global understanding (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global>) requirement may not be simultaneously used to satisfy this college-level requirement. A course used to fulfill this requirement may be used simultaneously to fulfill any other requirements (Mason Core requirements, college-level requirements, or requirements for the major). Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/>).

Mason Core

Some Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements may already be fulfilled by the major requirements listed above. Students are strongly encouraged to consult their advisors to ensure they fulfill all remaining Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements.

Students who have completed the following credentials are eligible for a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower level) requirement categories. The Integration category (upper level) is not waived under this policy. See Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-policies/#transfertext>) for more information.

- VCCS Uniform Certificate of General Studies
- VCCS or Richard Bland Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Arts and Sciences (A.A.&S.), or Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements		
	Written Communication (lower-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Oral Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative)	3
	Information Technology and Computing (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology)	3
Exploration Requirements		
	Arts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts)	3
	Global Contexts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts)	3
	Global History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)	3
	Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
	Natural Science (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)	7
	Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)	3
	Just Societies (optional) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties) ¹	
Integration Requirements		
	Written Communication (upper-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Writing Intensive (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi) ²	3
	Mason Apex (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex) ³	3
Total Credits		40

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In addition to covering content related to the designated category, Exploration level courses marked with a *Just Societies* "flag" are specifically designed to help students learn how to interact effectively with others from all walks of life, including those with backgrounds and beliefs that differ from their own. Courses marked with the Just Societies flag are available for students starting in Fall 2024. Students admitted prior to the Fall of 2025 are not required to take courses with a Just Societies flag but may wish to do so to increase their knowledge and skills in this important area. Students interested in this approach to completing their Mason Core Exploration Requirements should work closely with their advisor to identify the appropriate Just Societies-flagged courses.

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Most programs include the writing-intensive course designated for the major as part of the major requirements; this course is therefore not counted towards the total required for Mason Core.

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Minimum 3 credits required.

4-Year Plan

Bachelor of Arts in Economics Sample Plan of Study

A sample four year graduation plan and degree planning worksheet can be found at <https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets> (<https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets/>). The plan is a recommended sequencing of courses based on prerequisites and scheduling. This may not fit every student's needs and is a guideline, not a requirement. Students should confirm major requirements with their academic advisor each semester and with their PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students pursuing departmental honors must complete 6 hours of ECON 495 RS: Honors Thesis in Economics (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) culminating with an original work of research and an oral presentation. Requirements for departmental honors are in addition to the coursework required for the major. Students must complete ECON 495 RS: Honors Thesis in Economics (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) with a grade of B or higher to receive departmental honors.

Economics majors who have completed 90 credits with an overall GPA of 3.50 and a GPA of 3.50 within the major are eligible to apply. Not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements are guaranteed acceptance.

Applications will be available starting May 1st of each year. Applications are due by August 1st.

To be accepted into the program and enroll in ECON 495 RS: Honors Thesis in Economics (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

core/) students must submit a research proposal. Research proposals can be developed independently or by completing ECON 494 Introduction to Independent Research in Economics with a grade of B or higher. Completion of ECON 494 Introduction to Independent Research in Economics is not required for departmental honors.

Program Outcomes

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1. Understand the key concepts and theoretical models of microeconomics.
2. Understand the key concepts and the different schools of thought in macroeconomics.
3. Apply insights from field-specific knowledge in economics to analyze economic problems
4. Interpret bivariate relationships as presented in empirical research.
5. Demonstrate effective writing in the discipline.

Accelerated Master's

Many accelerated master's programs are available for any bachelor's degree at Mason, including this one. See the full list of degrees (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_24) with accelerated programs at George Mason.

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Economics, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly qualified undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's program and obtain a BA/BS in a chosen major and an MA in Economics in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 138 credits.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and Bachelor's/ Accelerated Master's Degree policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For information specific to this accelerated program, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<https://economics.gmu.edu/programs/LA-MA-ACEL-econ/>) on the departmental website.

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits with a minimum overall GPA of 3.25, and a grade of B or better in coursework applied to the major.

The following courses are recommended as preparation for the graduate-level courses students will be able to take for advanced standing:

- ECON 306 Intermediate Microeconomics
- ECON 311 Intermediate Macroeconomics
- At least one semester of calculus with analytic geometry
- Two-semester sequence of statistics
- ECON 345 Introduction to Econometrics

Students who are accepted in the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits.

Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements

Students already admitted in the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the MA in economics program if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.25
- 3.25 GPA in all economics courses
- Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following:

Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits)

ECON 535 Survey of Applied Econometrics (3 credits)
 ECON 611 Microeconomic Theory (3 credits)
 ECON 612 Microeconomic Theory II (3 credits)
 ECON 615 Macroeconomic Theory (3 credits)
 ECON 630 Mathematical Economics I (3 credits)

Reserve Graduate Credit courses (up to 6 credits) taken while an undergraduate and will only count for the graduate degree program

ECON 535 Survey of Applied Econometrics (3 credits)
 ECON 611 Microeconomic Theory (3 credits)
 ECON 612 Microeconomic Theory II (3 credits)
 ECON 615 Macroeconomic Theory (3 credits)
 ECON 623 American Economic History (3 credits)
 ECON 630 Mathematical Economics I (3 credits)
 ECON 676 Comparative Economic Systems (3 credits)
 ECON 695 Special Topics in Economics (3 credits)

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements see AP.6.7 Bachelor's Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies.