

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Learn more about the Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

The major in economics exposes a student to the economist's way of thinking about social problems and behavior. The major helps a student understand the economic aspect of current events and public policy and is good preparation for careers in law and business.

Special Opportunities

Accelerated Degree Program

Students who wish to earn a B.A. and an M.A. in Economics may do so in a combined +1 accelerated program. Students begin graduate study during their undergraduate program and are able to count some electives towards both degrees. This program is only open to students who will complete both degrees in a total of five years or less. See the Economics faculty advisor if you are considering this option.

Honors Society and Majors' Association

The student honorary fraternity is Omicron Delta Epsilon. Along with the more general student organization, The Economics Society, it provides opportunities for students to network with other students and with practicing economists in learning more about economics and finding internships and employment opportunities.

Internships

Students may participate in an Internship, gaining valuable work experience which can enhance their job market prospects upon graduation. By completing an academic research project under the guidance of a faculty member, student interns may earn credit for ECON 2585.

Summary of Degree Requirements

University Requirements:

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are ECON 3598 and one of the following: ECON 3596, ECON 3597, ECON 3696, ECON 3697, or ECON 3698.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

College of Liberal Arts Requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
 - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
 - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
 - For **Social Science majors**, 6 upper level credits (numbered 2000-4999) must be taken in Humanities Subject Areas: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Greek (Ancient), Greek and Roman Classics, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Philosophy, Religion, Russian, and Spanish in the College of Liberal Arts, Art History in the Tyler School of Art and Architecture, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
 - A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in CLA/CST coursework, and in the major.
 - Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
 - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements:**
 - All students must complete or test out of the first and second levels of a foreign language, these are numbered 1001 and 1002;
 - All students must complete at least one course from the GenEd Global/World Society category; and
 - All Bachelor of Arts students must complete one of the following options:
 - Third semester of a foreign language;
 - Demonstrated proficiency beyond the third semester in a foreign language (placement exam or certification from the language department);
 - Take one Global Studies course from the list on the CLA College Requirements page;

- Study Abroad at an approved program; or
- Take a second General Education Global/World Society course.
- **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
 - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honors society *Phi Beta Kappa*. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
 - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this *Bulletin* for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

General Electives are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

Major Requirements (37 credits):

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
ECON 1101 or ECON 1901	Macroeconomic Principles ¹ Honors Macroeconomic Principles	3
ECON 1102 or ECON 1902	Microeconomic Principles ¹ Honors Microeconomic Principles	3
STAT 2103	Statistical Business Analytics	4
ECON 3501 or ECON 3701	Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis with Calculus	3
ECON 3502 or ECON 3702	Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis with Calculus	3
ECON 3503 or ECON 3703	Introduction to Econometrics Econometric Theory	3
ECON 3563 or ECON 3564	International Trade International Monetary Economics	3
Writing-intensive elective		
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 3596	Energy, Ecology, and Economy	
ECON 3597	Health Economics	
ECON 3696	Behavioral Economics	
ECON 3697	The Economics of Sports	
ECON 3698	Economic Inequality	
Capstone Course		
ECON 3598	Economics Writing Seminar	3
Major Electives		
Three electives in Economics at the 3000 level or above		9
Total Credit Hours		37

¹ These courses are prerequisites for most of the Economics 2000-3999 courses. Check specific course descriptions for details.

Note: Students preparing for graduate study in economics or in an economics-related area are strongly encouraged to take ECON 3701, ECON 3702, ECON 3703, and ECON 3504 as well as courses in calculus and linear algebra in the Mathematics department.

Suggested Academic Plan

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Requirements for New Students starting in the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
	GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]	4
	Foreign Language 1001 - first level	4
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
	Foreign Language 1002 - second level	4
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
ECON 1101 or 1901	Macroeconomic Principles	3
Term Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
IH 0852 or 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
ECON 1102 or 1902	Microeconomic Principles	3
	Select one of the following:	3
	Foreign Language - third level	
	GenEd Global/World Society Course	
	Internationally Focused Course From Approved List	
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
	GenEd Breadth Course	3
ECON 3501 or 3701	Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis	3
	CLA/CST 2000+ Course	3
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CLA 1002	Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors	1
Term Credit Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
	One 2000+ Humanities/CST Course	3
ECON 3502 or 3702	Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis	3
STAT 2103	Statistical Business Analytics	4
	CLA/CST 0800+ Elective	3
	Economics Elective 3000+	3
Term Credit Hours		16
Spring		
	One 2000+ Humanities/CST Course	3
	One 2000+ CLA/CST Course	3
ECON 3503 or 3703	Introduction to Econometrics	3
	CLA/CST 0800+ Elective	3
	Select one of the following:	3
	ECON 3563	International Trade

ECON 3564	International Monetary Economics	
Term Credit Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
One 3000+ Economics Elective		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800+ Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800+ Elective		3
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 3596	Energy, Ecology, and Economy [WI]	
ECON 3597	Health Economics [WI]	
ECON 3696	Behavioral Economics [WI]	
ECON 3697	The Economics of Sports [WI]	
ECON 3698	Economic Inequality [WI]	
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
One 3000+ Economics Elective		3
ECON 3598	Economics Writing Seminar [WI] (Capstone)	3
CLA/CST 0800+ Elective		3
CLA/CST 0800+ Elective		2
One 0800+ Elective in Any School or College		4
Term Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours:		123