BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN ECONOMICS

Economics is a versatile major that develops analytical and quantitative abilities while learning about the functionality of the economy. You’ll investigate the consequences of scarcity, which forces people, organizations, and governments to choose among competing objectives. As a GW Economics student, you will learn how to understand the workings of markets and how prices are determined. The Economics Department at GW is a community of teachers and researchers—you’ll learn and work alongside experts in macroeconomics, microeconomics, labor economics, the economics of industry, international finance, international trade and development, money and banking, the economics of government and public policy, and econometrics. Outside the classroom, GW’s location provides unparalleled access to economic institutions like the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Labor.

For more information, visit the program website (https://economics.columbian.gwu.edu/).

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website. Applications may be submitted via the Common Application.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degeregulationstext).

Program-specific curriculum:

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or ECON 2103 | Intermediate Microeconomic Theory: A Mathematical Approach |

ECON 2102 | Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory |

or ECON 2104 | Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory: A Mathematical Approach |

ECON 4198W | Proseminar in Economics |

MATH 1221 | Calculus with Precalculus II ** |

or MATH 1231 | Single-Variable Calculus I |

or MATH 1252 | Calculus for the Social and Management Sciences |

STAT 1111 | Business and Economic Statistics I (or equivalent) ** |

or STAT 1051 | Introduction to Business and Economic Statistics |

or STAT 1053 | Introduction to Statistics in Social Science |

STAT 2112 | Business and Economic Statistics II ** |

or STAT 2118 | Regression Analysis |

or ECON 2123 | Introduction to Econometrics |

Electives

Six additional Economics (ECON) courses (18 credits) numbered between 2000 and 4999; a maximum of three of these courses (9 credits) can be regional and two (6 credits) international. If students decide to take international electives, note that ECON 2180 would not satisfy the major elective requirement if taken concurrently with or after successful completion of ECON 2181 or ECON 3181 or ECON 2182. Students may substitute up to two of the six ECON elective courses with FINA 3101 and FINA 3301. However, FINA 3301 and ECON 2121 cannot both be taken for credit. If ECON 2123 was taken instead of STAT 2112 as a required course, only five additional ECON courses (15 credits) are required.

Regional courses

ECON 2169 | Introduction to the Economy of China |

ECON 2170 | Introduction to the Economy of Japan |

ECON 2185 | Economic History and Problems of Latin America |

ECON 2198 | Special Topics in Economics - Regional |

ECON 3098 | Variable Topics - Regional Economics |

ECON 3198 | Advanced Topics in Economics - Regional |
International courses

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**Post-matriculation residency requirement:** For ECON 1011 and ECON 1012 to count toward the major, the course must be completed at GW with a minimum grade of C-. Students who matriculate with credit by examination or transfer credit for one or both courses are exempt from this residency requirement for the relevant course(s).

**The MATH option, selected from among MATH 1221, MATH 1231, or MATH 1252, and STAT option, selected from among STAT 1111, STAT 1051, or STAT 1053, must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.**

**GENERAL EDUCATION**

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean’s Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- **Writing**—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- **Humanities**—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- **Mathematics or Statistics**—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- **Natural or Physical Science**—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- **Social Sciences**—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- **Arts**—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- **Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective**—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- **Humanities**—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- **Local or Civic Engagement**—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- **Natural or Physical Science**—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- **Oral Communication**—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

**SPECIAL HONORS**

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, a student must have a grade-point average of at least 3.5 in economics courses taken at George Washington University. Upon review of the student's ECON 4198W paper, the student may be recommended for graduation with Special Honors.

**COMBINED PROGRAM**

- **Dual Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science with a major in economics and Master of Public Policy** (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/combined-ba-or-bs-and-mpp/)