**BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN ECONOMICS**

Economics is a versatile major wherein students develop analytical and quantitative abilities while learning about the functionality of the economy. Students in GW’s economics program investigate the consequences of scarcity, which forces people, organizations, and governments to choose among competing objectives. They also learn to understand the workings of markets and how prices are determined. The Department of Economics is a community of teachers and researchers in which students 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, International Monetary Fund, Federal Reserve, Federal Trade Commission, and Department of Labor.

Visit the program website (https://economics.columbian.gwu.edu/) for additional information.

**ADMISSIONS**

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st St NW Suite 100
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us (http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/).

**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/#degreeeregulationstext).

Program-specific curriculum:

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**ECON 2101**   Intermed Microeconomic Theory

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

**Additional requirements**

18 credits (six courses) in Economics (ECON) electives numbered between 2000 and 4999 are required. The following guidelines and restrictions apply:

- FINA 3101 and/or FINA 3301 may be used as substitutes for up to two ECON elective courses (6 credits) numbered between 2000 and 4999. However, credit may not be earned for both FINA 3301 and ECON 2121.

- No more than three courses (9 credits) can be selected from ECON 2169, ECON 2198, ECON 3098, and ECON 3198.

- No more than two courses (6 credits) can be selected from ECON 2180, ECON 2181, and ECON 2182. ECON 2180 does not satisfy the major elective requirement if taken concurrently with or after successful completion of ECON 2181 or ECON 2182.

- If ECON 2123 is taken instead of STAT 2112 or STAT 2118, only five additional ECON courses (15 credits) are required.

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

- ** The MATH course selected from MATH 1221, MATH 1231, or MATH 1252, and the STAT course selected from STAT 1051,
STAT 1053, or STAT 1111, 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/), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/) as well as the course CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience. 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.

Coursework (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationtext) for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.
- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
- One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).
- UW 1020 (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=UW%201020) University Writing (4 credits).
- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a “W” appended to the course number.

Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved arts course 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.
- 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 additional 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).

**SPECIAL HONORS**

In addition to meeting the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/), to be considered for graduation with Special Honors in Economics students must have taken at least six graded Economics (ECON) courses for a total of 18 credits prior to the semester of expected graduation; have a minimum GPA of 3.8 in all ECON courses (calculated using all ECON courses completed at GW prior to the semester of expected graduation); and submit a completed application for Special Honors to the Department of Economics at the beginning of the semester of expected graduation.

Students also may be considered for Special Honors in Economics if their proseminar research paper is nominated for departmental prizes.

**COMBINED PROGRAM**

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- 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/)