

Economics, BS

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Program description


Students in this W. P. Carey School of Business BS program in economics choose from a variety of electives offered by the Department of Economics and many other ASU departments. All students are encouraged to develop programs of study tailored to individual needs and interests.

The undergraduate program provides students with the critical thinking and communication skills needed to succeed in business or graduate school. The program of study can also be tailored to prepare students for graduate programs in economics, business or law. Students interested in pursuing a doctorate in economics are strongly encouraged to minor or major in mathematics as well.

The department's mission is to provide the highest quality instruction to students, conduct advanced research in economics, and provide leadership and service to professional communities.

As a STEM-designated program, this degree offers eligible graduates on student visas access to an Optional Practical Training extension for up to 36 months. This longer work authorization term may help international students gain additional skills and experience in the U.S.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [W. P. Carey School of Business](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#) or [Online, ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
or MAT 270 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to choose a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

This program also allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Global Management \(Creative Industries and Design Thinking\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Data Science\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Digital Audience Strategy\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Affairs\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Business\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Development and Innovation\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Digital Transformation\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Entrepreneurship\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Health Care Delivery\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Legal Studies\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Nonprofit Leadership and Management\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Public Administration\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Public Policy\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Sustainability Solutions\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Sustainable Tourism\), MGM](#)

[Global Management, MGM](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Additional requirements:

First-year admission requirements: 1230 SAT Reasoning or 25 ACT score, **or** graduated in the top 8% of high school class, **or** have an overall high school GPA of 3.40 in ASU competency courses (scale is 4.00 = "A").

First-year applicants should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the W. P. Carey business BA programs or any other degree program outside of the W. P. Carey School of Business. Students who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey business BS major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice are placed in a business Bachelor of Arts program in the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Readmission requirements: Students must meet first-year admission requirements by way of high school GPA, test score or class rank and must have a transfer GPA of 3.00 (if applicable) and a cumulative ASU GPA of 3.00.

Transfer admission requirements:

Transfer admission requirements (30 or more credit hours after high school): transfer GPA of 3.00 and one of the following: 1160 (prior to March 2016) or 1230 SAT Reasoning (after March 2016) or 25 ACT score, **or** graduated in the top 8% of high school class, **or** have an overall high school GPA of 3.40 in ASU competency courses (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Transfer students should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the school's Bachelor of Arts programs or any other business or other degree program outside the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Students who are admissible to the university but do not meet admission requirements for this degree and did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice will be placed in a Bachelor of Arts program in the W. P. Carey School of Business. Students not interested in the degree or campus location may reach out to wpcareyug@asu.edu for assistance selecting another degree program.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

Students should visit the [W. P. Carey School of Business website](#) to determine if they meet change of major requirements. Students ready to change their major should submit their request through the school's [advising website](#).

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

As globalization continues to impact the way people live and work, international experiences have become vital to success in every field of business. Through international study and internships, students

can see different economic systems play out in real time and gain valuable skills employers seek, including communication and interpersonal skills, flexibility, motivation and a global perspective on business applications worldwide.

The W. P. Carey School of Business recommends these [programs for students majoring in economics](#).

Career opportunities








A major in economics provides students with the analytical and quantitative skills needed in careers in business, government and public policy.

Graduates have taken positions such as:

- consultants who serve as advisors to state and federal governments and private corporations
- corporate economists who collect data and make forecasts relevant to the firm's business
- employees in banking and financial services firms

Each year, many graduates pursue additional studies at other prestigious universities.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Business Intelligence Analyst</u> 	35.2%	\$103,500
<u>Economics Professor</u>	3.8%	\$103,930
<u>Economist</u> 	6.3%	\$113,940
<u>Environmental Economist</u> 	6.3%	\$113,940
<u>Intelligence Officer</u>	1.5%	\$86,280
<u>Logistics Analyst</u> 	18.3%	\$77,520
<u>Market Research Analyst</u> 	13.4%	\$68,230
<u>Operations Research Analyst</u> 	22.5%	\$85,720
<u>Statistician</u> 	31.6%	\$98,920

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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Contact information

