Economics, BS

Economics examines how societies, businesses and individuals deal with scarcity. As an economics major at ASU learning from world-renowned researchers and award-winning professors, you are equipped with rigorous theoretical and empirical tools that enable you to study the decisions of individuals, businesses and governments.

Program Description

The Department of Economics at ASU provides highest-quality instruction to students, conducts cutting-edge research in economics and provides leadership and service to its professional communities. The department's undergraduate students are provided the critical thinking and communication skills needed to succeed in business, government or graduate school.

The BS program in economics is built on a strong core of economic theory, supplemented by mathematics and data analysis. All students are encouraged to develop programs of study tailored to their individual needs and interests. Students choose from a variety of courses within the department as well as from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the university to broaden their knowledge and skills and individualize their learning experience.

Students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in economics program may not pursue a concurrent degree with the BS in politics and the economy or the BS in economics, offered by the W. P. Carey School of Business, due to the high level of overlap in curriculum. Students should speak with their academic advisor for any further questions.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit The College's website for more information and requirements.

https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees
At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#) or [Online, ASU Local](#)

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** Any math course that meets the MA designation.
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

- [2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)](#)
- [2022 - 2023 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 obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- [Global Management, MGM](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
- [Freshman](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.
Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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 description and request more information [here](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu).

**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. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local [here](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu).

**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™](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

The world is increasingly interconnected, and study abroad allows students to explore economics in other countries while developing in-demand professional skills like cross-cultural communication and problem-solving. Summer programs can provide experience at international financial institutions and help students increase their understanding of economics on a global scale. Students can learn more on the Global Education website at [https://goglobal.asu.edu](https://goglobal.asu.edu).

**Career Opportunities**

Economics graduates have acquired jobs with top private companies, consulting firms and government. Others have landed assistantships with Federal Reserve and other nonprofit research institutions. Those
choosing to continue their studies have earned admission to top master's and doctoral programs in the U.S. and abroad as well as to some of the best law schools in the country.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<td>Certified Financial Planner (CFP) 🌿</td>
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* 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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