

Economics (Politics and the Economy), BS

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Economics examines how societies, businesses and individuals deal with scarcity. This concentration adds the insights of political science to policies such as antitrust, taxation, environment and health care. Understanding the connections between these fields can prepare you to appreciate and engage in economic and public policymaking decisions.


Program description

The BS program in economics with a concentration in politics and the economy serves students who wish to pursue careers in business, economic and political consulting, political science, law and government.

In addition to economics coursework, the concentration also requires courses that highlight the impact of government policies on the economy and the conditions under which government interventions may be warranted. Students take political science courses that provide a deep understanding of political processes and institutions as well as methodologies for understanding that behavior.

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.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus Any math course that meets the MATH designation, except MAT 142 College Mathematics.
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[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 plus master's degree](#) with:

[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](#)

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

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

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

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

The world is increasingly interconnected, and studying 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](#).

Career opportunities

Graduates are well prepared for successful careers in business, economic and political consulting, law and government, whether they seek employment immediately upon graduation or they choose to pursue advanced degrees in law, business, economics or political science.

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
Compliance Manager	3.3%	\$128,620
Economist 🌟	6.3%	\$113,940
Environmental Economist 🌟	6.3%	\$113,940
Field Researcher		\$60,410
Investment Fund Manager 🌟	16.0%	\$139,790
Lawyer 🌟	7.5%	\$135,740
Political Analyst 🌟	6.6%	\$128,020
Politician	3.4%	\$48,090
Regulatory Affairs Manager	3.3%	\$128,620
Stock Broker 🌟	7.4%	\$67,480

* 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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