B.A. in Economics

42 units

Economists study how society creates and allocates value among its members, including the supply and demand decisions of individuals and firms, the market structure and competitive conditions of particular industries, and the effects of policy changes on business and social decisions. National economic growth, the structure of domestic and international economic systems, employment and wage conditions, and the availability of financial resources are also significant issues. Economics also examines how social and economic conditions are changing in the developing world, and how small- and large-scale efforts can improve the living conditions of people. At APU, students may choose from among a broad range of economics course offerings.

Career Opportunities

Economics teaches students to think critically and analytically and prepares them to address complex problems in a wide variety of settings. Graduates may work as business or policy analysts, or in such diverse fields as law, journalism, education, nongovernmental and mission organizations, and international affairs. Students interested in graduate study in economics will benefit from taking additional mathematics courses.

Economics Core

21 units

The core requirements of the Bachelor of Arts in Economics (https://www.apu.edu/business/programs/economics-major) provide students with grounding in the primary areas of the discipline and an understanding of the basics of economic behavior. All students with an economics major must complete the common economics core in the table below.

Requirements

The economics major comprises 42 units. Students must attain a minimum *C*- grade in all courses required for the major. Students must achieve an average GPA of 2.5 in the courses counted for the economics major (this includes the Economics Core).

Code	Title	Units
Economics Core		
ECON 250	Principles of Macroeconomics [3]	3
ECON 251	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 350	Intermediate Macroeconomics (F)	3
ECON 351	Intermediate Microeconomics (S)	3
ECON 458	Economics and Religion (S)	3
MATH 130	Introduction to Statistics [1]	3
MATH 151	Applied Calculus I	3
Economics Electives		
Select seven of the following:		21
ECON 352	Financial Markets and Institutions (F)	
ECON 353	Health Economics	
ECON 355	Environmental Economics (F/O)	
ECON 356	Labor Economics (F/E)	
ECON 357	Economics of the Developing World (S/E)	
ECON 359	Urban and Regional Economics (S) [2]	
ECON 371	Comparative Economics (F)	
ECON 372	International Trade and Finance (S)	
ECON 452	Econometrics (S)	
ECON 453	Microfinance and Microenterprise (S/O)	
ECON 454	Industrial Organization and Regulation (F)	
Total Units		**42**

[1]   Meets the General Education Quantitative Literacy requirement.

[2]   Meets the General Education Civic Knowledge and Engagement requirement.

[3]   Meets the General Education Social Science requirement

F	Offered in Fall
S	Offered in Spring
F/O	Offered in Fall, odd years
F/E	Offered in Fall, even years
S/O	Offered in Spring, odd years
S/E	Offered in Spring, even years