

# ECONOMICS (B.A.)

## Bachelor of Arts Program

Program Code: BA-AS

Major Code: ECO

## Economics and Finance Department

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The B.A. degree program in economics provides a solid foundation in the basic skills to formulate decisions as consumers, resource owners, and managers in business, government, and nonprofit organizations. This program is designed to prepare students to participate in the global economy by providing a strong focus on the international aspects of economics. Students who choose this program are encouraged to complement the international focus of the program by taking additional courses in history, political science, and geography. In addition to providing preparation for a variety of management positions in business, government and not-for-profits, the program offers an excellent preparation for graduate work in international business, economics, politics and law.

## Admission Requirements

Transfer or uncommitted students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all previous college credits.

## Transfer Students

Most courses taken at an accredited institution and relevant to the B.A. degree program will be accepted, but the majority of courses applied to the major must be courses completed at Buffalo State. In most cases, grades for transfer courses will be used in computing the required minimum GPA for admission into the program.

Honors Option for the B.A. Program: An honors designation is available for students who have established high standards of achievement and demonstrated a capacity for independent work. Students should contact the department for information on admission and requirements.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	General Education 23 Requirements ( <a href="http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses">http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses</a> )	33

## Economics Major Requirements (36 credit hours)

Required Courses (24 credit hours)		
ECO 201	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	3
ECO 202	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	3
ECO 305	STATISTICS FOR ECONOMICS	3
ECO 307	INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS	3
ECO 308	INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS	3
ECO 405	HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT	3
ECO 490	SENIOR SEMINAR	3
Select at least one course from the following:		
ECO 401	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS	
ECO 403	COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC SYSTEMS	
ECO 404	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
FIN 400	INTERNATIONAL FINANCE	
<i>Economics Electives Selected by Advisement</i>		
12 credit hours <sup>1</sup>		12
<b>All College Electives</b>		
51 credit hours		51
It is strongly recommended that students who plan to pursue a Ph.D. in economics also complete, as a minimum, MAT 161, MAT 162, and MAT 202.		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

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Only 3 hours of ECO 488, ECO 495, or ECO 499 may be included.

Students will:

1. understand basic economics and finance concepts.
2. be able to create technical reports using economics and/or financial concepts.
3. be able to use economic and/or financial models to analyze economics and/or finance problems.
4. be able to use Excel, SAS, or other software to analyze data.
5. be able to use Excel, SAS, or other software to analyze economic and/or financial models.
6. learn how to create and give presentations using programs such as PowerPoint.