

Economics

Requirements for the Major in Economics

The major requires successful completion of the following¹:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Course Requirements		
ECON 120	Principles of Economics ¹	4
ECON 133	Principles of Econometrics ¹	4
ECON 201	Microeconomic Theory ²	4
ECON 202	Macroeconomic Theory ²	4
ECON 233	Applied Econometrics ²	4
ECON 410	Research Seminar ³	4
Select one of the following: ¹		4
MATH 101	Calculus I	
MATH 102	Calculus II	
MATH 207	Multidimensional Calculus	
Select three additional courses in Economics numbered 300 or above (excluding ECON 450) ⁴		12
Total Semester Hours		40

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Additional Requirements		
A comprehensive examination ⁵		

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ECON 120, MATH 101, & ECON 133 are required in preparation for the core courses in the major and should be completed in your first three semesters at Sewanee.

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ECON 201, ECON 202, and ECON 233 are the core of the economics major. All three of these courses must be taken at Sewanee, and should be completed as soon as possible, but no later than the junior year.

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Taken in the fall semester of the senior year. This course fulfills the requirement for a writing intensive course in the major.

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Ideally, at least two of these courses should be taken prior to the senior year.

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All Economics majors are required to pass a written comprehensive exam. Each student will have to answer theoretical and applied questions, in both microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Honors

To be eligible for departmental honors, students must demonstrate distinguished performance in three areas: 1) major coursework; 2) the research seminar (ECON 410); 3) a thesis (ECON 450); and 4) the comprehensive examination. Distinguished performance is determined at the discretion of the department faculty, though a minimum grade point average of 3.33 is necessary in the area of major coursework. Students must apply to pursue the required honors thesis in the Easter semester of the junior year.

Student Learning Outcomes

A student majoring in Economics will

1. Demonstrate knowledge of foundational concepts and theories used in economics
2. Apply principles of quantitative analysis to economic research
3. Integrate knowledge from various courses across the economics curriculum

4. Communicate effectively in written form
5. Communicate effectively in oral form