

Degree Type – Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Degree Title – Economics

An economics degree opens the door to a wide range of career opportunities in finance, research and analysis, and also business and public affairs. A degree in economics can also take you even further to pursue a graduate education, from law school to public administration. Whatever your strengths may be, an economics degree will help you join the debate, prepare for a career, and succeed in your future.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. **Written communication skills: To enhance the students' communication skills.**
2. **Analytical skills: To provide an application-oriented curriculum designed to analyze daily problems faced by students in the work environment.**
3. **Current global awareness: To raise awareness of current and important global economic issues.**
4. **Knowledge of Economics: To provide an understanding of and the capacity to analyze a host of economic issues.**
5. **Oral Communication: To construct and deliver well-organized, logical, and informative oral arguments.**

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education Core requirements.

Required

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours

ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics

Integrative and Experiential Learning – 3 hours

Choose one:

INFS 2398 Information Technology for Student Success and Career Development

QUMT 2398 Decision Analytics

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 48 HOURS (30 advanced)

1 – Economics Core – 48 hours (30 advanced)

a – Economics Foundation – 18 hours

ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics

POLS 2350 Political Economy

Choose one:

COMM 1311 Introduction to Communication

COMM 1315 Public Speaking

Choose one:

MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods (or MATH 1387 Honors)

QUMT 2341 Business Statistics I

SOCI 2305 Introduction to Social Research

Choose two:

ACCT 2301 Introduction to Financial Accounting

SOCI 1323 Social Problems

PSYC 1310 General Psychology

ANTH 2351 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Any advanced POLS

b – Advanced Economics Core – 21 hours (21 advanced)

ECON 3341 Econometrics

ECON 3351 Macroeconomic Theory

ECON 3352 Microeconomic Theory

Choose:

ECON 3342 Business and Economics Forecasting

ECON 4340 Introduction to Mathematical Economics

Choose:

ECON 3354 Health Economics

ECON 3358 Labor Economics

Choose:

ECON 3343 Economics of the Government Sector

ECON 3381 Money and Banking

Choose:

ECON 3353 International Trade

FINA 4381 International Finance

c – Advanced Economics Electives – 9 hours (9 advanced)*Choose any advanced ECON electives.***C – FREE ELECTIVES – 12 HOURS (6 advanced)****D – MINOR – 18 HOURS (6 advanced)****TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS****TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS****ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:****Admission requirements**

1. Student must complete all 18 hours of Economics Foundation Courses, and a minimum of 15 General Education Courses including ECON 2301, before applying to CoBE.
2. Grades of 'C' or better in all Economics Foundation courses.
3. Grade of 'C' or better in ECON 2301.
4. A minimum 2.5 GPA in combined General Education Core & Economics Foundation completed coursework.

Progression requirements

Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better in all advanced (3xxx-4xxx) BA-ECON applicable courses in order to earn program credit towards this major. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Graduation requirements

Students must have:

1. A minimum 2.5 GPA in Advanced BA-ECON applicable courses.
2. An overall minimum 2.5 GPA required.
3. In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2015-2017 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be

demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.