

ECONOMICS - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
 104 Bowman Hall
 Kent Campus
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Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics equips students with a variety of skills sought by employers, including conceptualizing and solving problems and locating, organizing and analyzing relevant data.

In their junior year, students learn microeconomic and macroeconomic theory and take an econometrics class to learn data analysis skills. Students then take a series of electives that deal with vital current topics relevant to many careers in which these theories and skills are applied, such as the financial and banking system, economic relations between the United States and foreign countries; government spending and taxation policies; the United States' health system and policy options.

In their senior year, students take a capstone course that utilizes and applies the theory, skills and institutional knowledge learned in the program.

In addition to the B.A. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences, a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Economics is offered in the College of Business Administration. In both programs, students have the opportunity to declared the combined bachelor's/master's program with the Master of Business Administration degree. To be eligible for admission to the combined program, students must have earned 90 credit hours. In addition, they must meet the GPA requirement of either minimum 3.300 GPA after 90 credit hours or minimum 3.200 GPA after 105 credit hours.

For more information please visit the Economics Department in the College of Business Administration; 330-672-2366; 480 Business Administration Building; economics@kent.edu.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions,

including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Conceptualize and analyze problems using economic concepts and reasoning.
2. Critically analyze alternative economic policy proposals.
3. Use analytic and quantitative techniques that are used extensively in economics to formulate and test hypothesis.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

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| Destination Kent State: First Year Experience | 1 |
| Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission. | |
| Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG) | 2 courses |
| Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core. | |
| Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) | varies |
| Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience. | |
| Kent Core (see table below) | 36-37 |
| Writing-Intensive Course (WIC) | 1 course |
| Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course. | |
| Upper-Division Requirement | 39 (or 42) |
| Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours. | |
| Total Credit Hour Requirement | 120 |
| Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours. | |

Kent Core Requirements

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| Kent Core Composition (KCOMP) | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each) | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines) | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory) | 6-7 |
| Kent Core Additional (KADL) | 6 |
| Total Credit Hours: | 36-37 |

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA) | | |
| ECON 22060 | PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (KSS) | 3 |
| ECON 22061 | PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS (KSS) | 3 |
| ECON 32040 | INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY AND APPLICATIONS (min C-) | 3 |
| ECON 32041 | INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY (min C-) | 3 |
| ECON 32050 | APPLIED ECONOMETRICS I (ELR) (min C-) | 3 |
| ECON 42191 | SENIOR SEMINAR IN ECONOMICS (WIC) (min C grade) | 3 |
| MATH 11010 | ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR) | 3 |
| MATH 11012 | INTUITIVE CALCULUS (KMCR) | 3-5 |
| or MATH 12002 | ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR) | |
| MGMT 24056 | BUSINESS ANALYTICS I ¹ | 3 |
| Economics (ECON) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) ² | | 12 |
| Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA) | | |
| UC 10097 | DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE | 1 |
| Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below) | | 14-16 |
| College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) ³ | | 3 |
| College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences) ⁴ | | 3 |
| Kent Core Composition | | 6 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each) | | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from a discipline other than ECON) | | 3 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory) | | 6-7 |
| General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours) | | 36 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | | 120 |

¹ Students who have taken an equivalent course in introductory statistics, such as MATH 10041, or have an equivalent AP statistics exam score, may substitute for MGMT 24056.

² Economics electives must be determined with students' faculty advisor. ECON 32070 and ECON 32082 do not count toward the major.

³ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.

⁴ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Progression Requirements

- Minimum C- grade is required in ECON 32040, ECON 32041 and ECON 32050 prior to taking ECON 42191
- Minimum C grade is required in ECON 42191

| Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
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| 2.000 | 2.000 |

Foreign Language College Requirement

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.¹ To complete the requirement, students have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language ²
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:

- Intermediate I of the same language
- MCLS 10001 INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS
- MCLS 20091 VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES
- MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG)
- MCLS 28404 THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG)

¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP); or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

| Semester One | | Credits | |
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| MATH 11010 | ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR) | 3 | |
| UC 10097 | DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE | 1 | |
| Foreign Language | | 4 | |
| Kent Core Requirement | | 3 | |
| Kent Core Requirement | | 3 | |
| Credit Hours | | 14 | |
| Semester Two | | | |
| ECON 22060 | PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (KSS) | 3 | |
| MATH 11012 | INTUITIVE CALCULUS (KMCR) or MATH 12002 | 3-5 | |
| | or ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR) | | |
| Foreign Language | | 4 | |
| Kent Core Requirement | | 3 | |
| Kent Core Requirement | | 3 | |
| Credit Hours | | 16 | |
| Semester Three | | | |
| ECON 22061 | PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS (KSS) | 3 | |
| Foreign Language | | 3 | |
| Kent Core Requirement | | 3 | |
| Kent Core Requirement | | 3 | |
| Kent Core Requirement | | 3 | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 | |
| Semester Four | | | |
| ECON 32040 | INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY AND APPLICATIONS | 3 | |
| ECON 32041 | or INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY | | |
| MGMT 24056 | BUSINESS ANALYTICS I | 3 | |
| Foreign Language | | 3 | |
| Kent Core Requirement | | 3 | |
| Economics Upper-Division Elective | | 3 | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 | |
| Semester Five | | | |
| ECON 32040 | INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY AND APPLICATIONS | 3 | |
| ECON 32041 | or INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY | | |
| ECON 32050 | or APPLIED ECONOMETRICS I (ELR) | | |
| College General Requirement | | 3 | |
| College General Requirement | | 3 | |
| General Elective | | 6 | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 | |
| Semester Six | | | |
| ! | ECON 32040 | INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY AND APPLICATIONS | 3 |
| | ECON 32041 | or INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY | |
| | ECON 32050 | or APPLIED ECONOMETRICS I (ELR) | |
| Economics Upper-Division Elective | | 3 | |
| General Electives | | 9 | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 | |
| Semester Seven | | | |
| Economics Upper-Division Electives | | 3 | |
| General Electives | | 12 | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 | |
| Semester Eight | | | |
| ! | ECON 42191 | SENIOR SEMINAR IN ECONOMICS (WIC) | 3 |

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| Economics Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| General Electives | 9 |
| Credit Hours | 15 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | 120 |