ECONOMICS - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
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Examples of Possible Careers*
Data scientists and mathematical science occupations, all other
- 30.9% much faster than the average
- 33,200 number of jobs
- $98,230 potential earnings

Economists
- 14.1% much faster than the average
- 20,500 number of jobs
- $108,350 potential earnings

Social science research assistants
- 5.8% faster than the average
- 40,100 number of jobs
- $49,210 potential earnings

Statisticians
- 34.6% much faster than the average
- 42,700 number of jobs
- $92,270 potential earnings

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- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered
- Delivery: In person
- Location: Kent Campus

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

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 U.S. financial and banking system, economic relations between the United States and foreign countries; government spending and taxation policies; and the U.S. 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.

Kent State University offers both this B.A. degree, as well as a B.B.A. degree in Economics.

Economics students may apply early to either the M.B.A. degree or the Master of Arts in Economics degree and double count 9 credit hours of graduate courses toward both degree programs. See the Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree Program policy in the University Catalog for more information.

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.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campus to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State’s campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. Check with a regional campus admissions office to determine application requirements, as they may differ among campuses.

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, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar’s 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. Utilize 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.

- **Kent Core Requirements**
  - 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 Composition (KCMP) 6
  - Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) 3
  - Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHAM/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 Hour Requirement 120

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- Total Credit Hours: 36-37

**Program Requirements**

**Major Requirements**

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**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 39 upper-division credit hours)** 42

**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.

**Progression Requirements**

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

**Graduation Requirements**

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- Students planning to pursue a combined degree program with the Master of Arts in Economics degree must earn a minimum 3.200 overall GPA.

**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.
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.

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