

ECONOMICS - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
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About This Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Economics program provides you with a solid foundation in economic theory and policy, equipping you with the analytical skills needed to understand and address complex economic issues. With a focus on critical thinking and problem solving, you will be prepared for a variety of careers in the public and private sectors. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

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

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

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 campuses 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. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

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 Academic score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate 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.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the program's Coursework tab.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
BA 24056	BUSINESS ANALYTICS I ¹	3
ECON 22060	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (KSS)	3
ECON 22061	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS (KSS)	3
ECON 32040	INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY AND APPLICATIONS (min C- grade)	3
ECON 32041	INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY (min C- grade)	3
ECON 32050	APPLIED ECONOMETRICS I (ELR) (min C- grade)	3
ECON 42191	SENIOR SEMINAR IN ECONOMICS (WIC) (min C grade) ²	3
MATH 11010	ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR)	3

MATH 11012	INTUITIVE CALCULUS (KMCR)	3-5
or MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	
Economics (ECON) Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) ³		12
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) (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 BA 24056.
- ² A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- ³ 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

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- 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, B.A.

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 need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options²:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
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
 - ARAB 21401
 - ASL 19401
 - CHIN 25421
 - MCLS 10001
 - MCLS 20001
 - MCLS 20091
 - MCLS 21417
 - MCLS 21420
 - MCLS 22217

- MCLS 28403
- MCLS 28404

- 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 start 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 one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. 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
MATH 11010	ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		Credits
ECON 22060	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (KSS)	3
MATH 11012	INTUITIVE CALCULUS (KMCR)	3-5
or	or ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I	
MATH 12002	(KMCR)	
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		Credits
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		Credits
BA 24056	BUSINESS ANALYTICS I	3
ECON 32040	INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY AND APPLICATIONS	3
or	or INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY	
ECON 32041		
Economics (ECON) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
Foreign Language		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15

Semester Five		
ECON 32040	INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY AND APPLICATIONS	3
or		
ECON 32041	or INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY	
or		
ECON 32050	or APPLIED ECONOMETRICS I (ELR)	
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
! ECON 32040	INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMIC THEORY AND APPLICATIONS	3
or		
ECON 32041	or INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY	
or		
ECON 32050	or APPLIED ECONOMETRICS I (ELR)	
Economics (ECON) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
Economics (ECON) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
General Electives		12
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
! ECON 42191	SENIOR SEMINAR IN ECONOMICS (WIC)	3
Economics (ECON) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
General Electives		9
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

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.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ 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 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

Kent Core Requirements

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 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.

Full 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.