

BA/BS Economics Overview

Bachelor of Arts in Economics (BA)

- Strong interest in a broad education in the liberal arts tradition. Additional foreign language requirements.
- Appropriate for students pursuing careers valuing critical thinking skills.
- Popular among students interested in law school or less-quantitative graduate programs in business or public administration.

Bachelor of Science in Economics (BS)

- Stronger emphasis on quantitative analysis.
- Appropriate for career as government analyst, consulting, trade associations, or other private sector positions that require quantitative skills.
- Best preparation for graduate school in economics or more quantitative business administration programs.

Optional Concentrations

- **Managerial Economics:** explores how economics is applied to strategic decisions in business. (Only available within the BS degree.)
- **Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE):** mixes economics with coursework in philosophy and political science. (Available within both the BA and BS degrees.)

Mason Core Requirements



BA Economics	BS Economics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENGH 100 or 101• COMM 100 or 101• Quantitative Reasoning• IT• Arts• Global Understanding• Global Understanding Non-Western• Literature• Natural Sciences (3 credit non-lab, 4 credit lab)• University Social & Behavioral Science• College Social & Behavioral Science• Western Civilization/World History• Philosophy & Religion• Upper Level Written Communication (ENGH 302)• Writing Intensive (fulfilled by ECON elective)• Synthesis/Capstone• Foreign Language up to 202 level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENGH 100 or 101• COMM 100 or 101• Quantitative Reasoning• IT• Arts• Global Understanding• Literature• Natural Sciences (3 credit non-lab, 4 credit lab)• Social & Behavioral Science• Western Civilization/World History• Upper Level Written Communication (ENGH 302)• Writing Intensive (fulfilled by ECON elective)• Synthesis/Capstone <p>https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</p>





Major Requirements in Economics

BA Economics	BS Economics
Principles of Economics (ECON 103 & ECON 104)	
Intermediate Economic Theory (ECON 306 & ECON 311)	
ECON 309	
Synthesis/Capstone	
Six 300/400-level ECON Electives (18 credit hours)*	
Two 400-level ECON Electives (6 credit hours)*	
MATH 108 or MATH 113	MATH 113 & MATH 114
STAT 250 & STAT 350	STAT 250 & STAT 350 ACCT 203 or STAT 362 ECON 345
* At least one elective course must be designated as writing intensive, these include ECON 355, 365, 395, 435, 470, or 485. ECON 385 will NOT count as an ECON elective credit.	

