



Welcome to Mason's Department of Economics



College of Humanities
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Why choose a major in Economics at Mason?

- Top-ranked program with world-renowned faculty
- A major with unique choices and endless possibilities
- Access to the resources you need to launch a successful career
- Talented students and access to the DC metro area



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 (ECON 360 or ECON 380)• Global Understanding Non-Western (ECON 361, ECON 362)• Literature• Two Natural Sciences (3 credit non-lab, 4 credit lab)• University Social & Behavioral Science• College Social & Behavioral Science <i>NOTE: ECON 103 and/or ECON 104 may count as one of the two Social & Behavioral Sciences; the second course must be a non-ECON course from the Mason Core list</i>• Western Civilization/World History• Philosophy & Religion• Upper-Level Written Communication (ENGH 302, select Social Science, Multidisciplinary or Business section)• Writing Intensive (fulfilled by ECON elective)• Synthesis/Capstone (fulfilled by ECON elective)• 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 (ECON 360, ECON 361, ECON 362, or ECON 380)• Literature• Two Natural Sciences (3 credit non-lab, 4 credit lab)• Social & Behavioral Science (ECON 103 or ECON 104)• Western Civilization/World History• Upper-Level Written Communication (ENGH 302, select Social Science, Multidisciplinary, or Business section)• Writing Intensive (fulfilled by ECON elective)• Synthesis/Capstone (fulfilled by ECON elective) <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)	
Economic Problems and Public Policies - ECON 309	
Six 300/400-level ECON Electives (18 credit hours)*	
Two 400-level ECON Electives (6 credit hours)*, one of two will be Capstone**	
MATH 108 or MATH 113	MATH 113 & MATH 114
STAT 250 & STAT 350 or BUS 210 & BUS 310 (Business-track) or STAT 344 & STAT 354 (Engineering-track)	STAT 250 & STAT 350 (Note: BUS 210 & BUS 310 may be substituted for STAT 250 & STAT 350 or STAT 344 & STAT 354: however, STAT 250 & STAT 350 is highly recommended for students who wish to pursue graduate study in economics.) ACCT 203 or STAT 362 ECON 345

*At least one 300/400 level 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 for ECON majors or minors.

** One of the two required 400-level electives will be the Capstone: ECON 491, or ECON 493 or ECON 495, taken in last semester

<https://economics.gmu.edu/undergraduate-programs>



Advising and Registration

- Pre-Orientation Academic Advising: <https://economics.gmu.edu/undergraduate/advising>
- What should I register for? Introducing Degree Works:

If you are uncertain of what courses you need to register for, use [Degree Works](#) in Patriot Web. It is a "virtual advisor" that will show you what requirements are missing from your degree plan. Click [here](#) for guidance on how to register.

- Transfer or AP/IB credit?

If you have transfer credit from NOVA, another institution, or AP/IB credit, speak with an ECON advisor before you register for courses to avoid registering for courses or requirements which may already be fulfilled with pending transfer or AP/IB credit.

<https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy>



What careers
match with an
Economics
degree



Internships and Professional Development



- Professional career networking, mentoring, job skills training and impactful internship opportunities in the DC metro area, Career Fairs, employer campus visits and field trips, professional development skills and training via [Mason Career Services](#). Jobs and internship searches: <https://careers.gmu.edu/handshake>

Examples of Mason [ECON student internships](#) and jobs:

Banking, insurance, real estate, marketing, data management, budgeting, general management, sales, Northern Virginia high-tech industries; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Fannie Mae, Department of Commerce, Department of Transportation, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Research assistantships with Pricewaterhouse, ICF Kaiser, Booz Allen & Hamilton; World Bank, and nongovernmental organizations.



- International Internships via Mason Study Abroad
<http://studyabroad.gmu.edu/>



Special opportunities in the Economics major

- Research Opportunities



The Mason [Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science \(ICES\)](#) is a research center and laboratory affiliated with the Antonin Scalia Law School, School of Business, Department of Economics in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Mercatus Center.

- Mason's student-run [Economics Society](#)
(guest lectures and economics-related events)



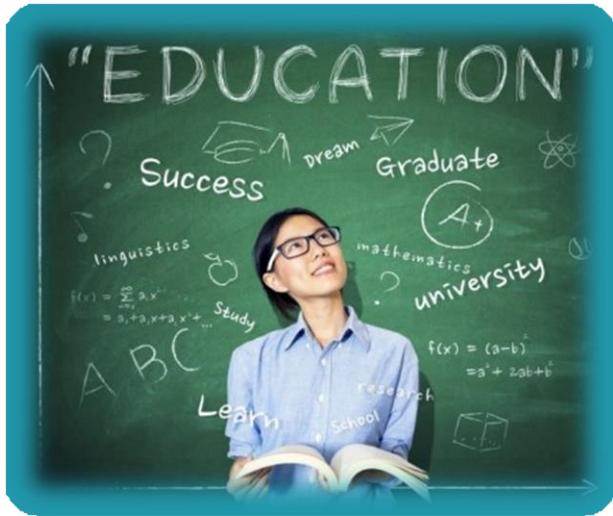
Accelerated Master's Degrees

Earn your Bachelors + Master's in 5 Years



- An accelerated pathway to a graduate degree in economics
- Start graduate coursework during your senior year
- Pay undergraduate tuition for up to 12 credits of your graduate degree
- Finish in one calendar year beyond your undergraduate program

Additional campus resources...



- [Mason Rosetta Stone](#): Assess your language skills before registering for language courses

[Foreign Language Placement Testing](#)

- [UNIV Academic Success Workshops](#): Time management, study/note-taking skills, well being, test-taking skills, exam strategies, and more...
- Mason has more than [350+ student organizations](#). Whether you want to share your culture or interests with others or explore a new ones, you'll always discover something new.



Additional campus resources...

Access your Guide to Online Learning! Please visit: [Online Learning](#)

Learning Services remains available for students via [Online Academic Coaching](#) and [Virtual Academic Success Workshops](#).

Learning Services, located in **SUB I, Suite 3600**, provides a variety of free, experience-based learning opportunities for the Mason Community through one-on-one academic coaching, academic success workshops, and online resources.

- [Academic Success Videos](#)
- [Academic Success Workshops](#)
- [Academic Success Certificate Program](#)
- [Academic Coaching Program](#)

If you need further assistance, call **(703) 993-2999**, email [Learning Services](#), or visit their campus office in **SUB I, Room 3600**.



Questions before Orientation? Need Pre-Orientation Advising?

- Please email the ECON Advising Team at econbsba@gmu.edu to request an appointment for pre-orientation advising degree evaluation and a registration plan

