

ECONOMICS (COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES)

Economics explores how society produces, distributes, and uses goods, services and resources. The diverse field lends itself to countless questions — How do businesses maximize profits? What causes income inequality? How does federal policy affect finances for individuals and corporations?

Economics students learn about economic systems, monetary policy, inflation, price determination, competition, and they gain skills in decision making and statistical analysis. Economics graduates often enter careers in law, business, social sciences and public service.

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Science in Economics which are ideal for students who have a broad interest in economics, touching not only on business but also on social sciences or other fields in the college.

All courses in the B.S. and B.A. in Economics are taught by faculty in the Darla Moore School of Business. Students admitted to the Moore School can select a Business Economics major more focused on business applications of economics.

Entrance Requirements

Lower division. Freshmen and transfer students must meet all University and college admission requirements. Students transferring from other institutions or from other majors on the Columbia campus must meet all such requirements, have a GPA of 2.50 or better and have completed either MATH 122 or MATH 141 with a C or better. All students enter the lower division when the economics major is declared.

Progression Requirements

Lower division. Students in the lower division may not enroll in ECON 321/ECON 322 or in courses for which these courses are prerequisite.

Upper division. Progression into the upper division requires the completion of ECON 221 and ECON 222 (or ECON 224) and MATH 122 or MATH 141 with a grade of C or better in each of these courses.