# ECONOMICS, B.S.

## Degree Requirements (120 hours)

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### Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed [here](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/).

### 1. Carolina Core Requirements (34-46 hours)

**CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)**

*must be passed with a grade of C or higher*

- any CC-CMW courses ([link](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/))

**ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-7 hours)**

*must be passed with a grade of C or higher*

- MATH 141
- MATH 142

**SCI – Scientific Literacy (8 hours)**

- two 4-credit hour CC-SCI ([link](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/))

**GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)**

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required. Students can demonstrate this proficiency by successfully completing Phase II of the Proficiency Test or by successfully completing the 122 course, including the exit exam administered as part of that course.

- CC-GFL courses ([link](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/))

### 2. College Requirements (15-18 hours)

**Foreign Language (0-3 hours)**

*only if needed to meet 122-level proficiency*

**Analytical Reasoning (6 hours)**

*must be passed with a grade of C or higher*

- STAT 201
- CSCE 102

**History (3 hours)**

The College of Arts and Sciences requires one additional GHS course beyond the Carolina Core GHS requirement.

- If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a *U.S. history* course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a *non-U.S. history* course.

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It is strongly recommended that students continuing the study of a foreign language begin college-level study of that language in their first semester and continue in that language until their particular foreign language requirement is completed.
• If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a non-U.S. history course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a U.S. history course.

Please select the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement from the approved list of U.S. and non-U.S. history courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-requirement/).

Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities (6 hours)
Courses Acceptable for Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities Credit in Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-social-science-fine-arts-humanities/)
• Three hours of Social Science
• Three hours of Fine Arts or Humanities

3. Program Requirements (29-47 hours)
must be passed with a grade of C or higher

Supporting Courses (6 hours)

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<td>ECON 221</td>
<td>Principles of Microeconomics</td>
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Total Credit Hours 6

Note: Students who took ECON 224 must take either ECON 221 or ECON 222. A student who earned an A in ECON 224 may be exempted.

Cognate or Minor (12-18 hours)

Cognate (12 hours)
The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve (12) hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of but related to the major. The cognate may be taken in one or more departments or programs, depending on the interests of the student and the judgment of the advisor.

Courses offered by departments and programs that are acceptable for cognate credit are outlined in the section titled Courses Acceptable for Cognate Credit in Degree Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-cognate/).

For cognate course offerings in other colleges, consult the appropriate sections of this bulletin. Some major programs have specific cognate requirements.

It should be emphasized that the cognate is not a second set of elective courses to be chosen at random by the student. The cognate must be approved by the major advisor as being related to the major field of study. Students are urged to consult their major advisors for specific requirements in their major.

For Bachelor of Science degrees, grades of D are acceptable for completion of the cognate requirement, except where restricted by the major program.

Minor (18 hours)
In place of the cognate a student in the College of Arts and Sciences may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of prescribed courses. (Some minors in the sciences require a minimum of 16 hours.)

The subject area of the minor may be related to the major. Students pursuing interdisciplinary minors who wish to use courses in their major department for minor credit must petition the College Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions for permission to do so.

The minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. It differs from the cognate inasmuch as the courses must be concentrated in one area and must follow a structured sequence. Interdisciplinary minors can be designed with the approval of the assistant dean for academic affairs and advising.

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. At least half of the courses in the minor must be completed in residence at the University.

A list of minor programs of study can be found at Programs A-Z (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/).

Electives (8-29 hours)
No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

4. Major Requirements (24-27 hours)
Must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

Economics majors may enroll in ECON 221, ECON 222, ECON 321, ECON 322, and ECON 436 a maximum of twice to earn the required grade of C or higher. For the purposes of this standard progression, withdrawal with a W does not constitute enrollment. Students who plan to major in economics are advised to consult the director of undergraduate studies in economics during the freshman year.

Major Courses (9 hours)

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<td>ECON 436</td>
<td>Introductory Econometrics</td>
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Major Electives (15-18 hours)
• Five ECON electives, 400-level or higher, excluding ECON 421, ECON 476, ECON 499 and ECON 524.

Note: If a student earned an A in ECON 224 and is exempted from taking ECON 221 and ECON 222, one additional ECON elective must be taken.