

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts, Economics
- Bachelor of Science, Economics

Why Economics?

In today's global economy, expertise in the field of economics is critical in almost any career choice. Economics focuses on the study of how a society produces and distributes goods and services as well as raw materials and natural resources. Knowledge of economics is essential to understanding patterns ranging from a single consumer's purchase decisions to how large businesses and corporations decide which goods and services to produce and when and where to sell them. Globally, economics aids in the understanding of the causes of inflation and unemployment, the impact of tax and welfare policies, and the effects of government budgets or international trade deficits on individuals, populations and entire countries. Those interested in research and statistical sampling and the pursuit of wide-ranging questions and answers to the ebb and flow of economies, governments and businesses or those who have a passion for the "detective work" necessary to detect societal trends in business and finance may find a degree in economics to be the doorway to a successful career in multiple fields including law, politics, government, labor relations, journalism, energy, agriculture, health, education, business, and finance.

Economics at SIUE

Because economics attracts students with wide-ranging career interests, SIUE faculty are adept at guiding students so that they have a firm foundation in economic theory and analytical skills while also enabling them to individualize their course of study. The Department offers two undergraduate degrees — a B.A. in Economics through the College of Arts and Sciences and a B.S. in Business Economics and Finance through the College of Business. Students are encouraged to pursue specialized courses in areas that interest them, such as money and banking, labor and industrial relations, international economics, public finance, industrial organization, and antitrust policy. Nationally recognized faculty nurture students and continually enhance curriculum choices to offer practical courses, opportunities for internships and on-the-job experience with area companies, and research. SIUE also offers a graduate degree program whereby many students earn their master's degree in economics in one year.

Career Outlook

Economists have opportunities to pursue careers in federal, state, and local government agencies, private industry, academia, and in global service organizations. Depending upon the area of specialization, economists may immerse themselves in market research, policy evaluations, financial analysis and consulting, teaching or strategic planning. The U.S. Department of Labor Statistics indicates that employment growth is fastest in private and consulting industries, especially as organizations need to respond to rapidly changing factors within the global economy. Because government policy often revolves around economic issues, individuals with a minor or degree in economics and finance could play key roles in shaping and understanding legislative and congressional actions. SIUE graduates have secured careers in commercial banks, brokerage firms, governmental agencies, public utilities, state legislatures, manufacturing and retailing firms, and consulting firms.

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Sample Four-Year Curriculum - BS

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	ECON 111 Macroeconomics (3) ENG 101 Composition (3) MATH 120 College Algebra (INSM) (3) SPC 103 or 105 (3)* Introductory Social Sciences (ISS) (3) Total 15	ECON 112 Microeconomics (3) CMIS 108 or CS 108 Computer Concepts (3)* ENG 102 Composition (3) MS 250 Math Methods for Bus Analysis (3) PHIL 106 Critical Thinking (3)* or MATH 106 Deductive Reasoning/Problem Solving Total 15
YEAR 2	MS 251 Statistical Analysis for Business Decisions (4) Distribution Fine Arts & Humanities (DFAH) (3) Distribution Social Sciences (DSS) (3) Introductory Fine Arts & Humanities (IFAH) (3) Introductory General Education (3) Total 16	ECON 301 Intermediate Micro Theory (3) ECON 302 Intermediate Macro Theory (3) Distribution Natural Sciences & Mathematics (DNSM) (3) Introductory General Education (3) Minor (3)* Total 15
YEAR 3	ECON Elective (3) Intergroup Relations (IGR) (3) Elective (3) Minor (3) Minor (3) Total 15	ECON Elective (3) Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) (3) Elective (3) Minor (3) Minor (3) Total 15
YEAR 4	ECON Elective (3) International Issues/International Culture (II/IC) (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (2) Minor (3) Total 17	ECON 417 Business Forecasting or ECON 415 – Econometrics (3) Senior Assignment/Exit Requirement (0) ECON Elective (3) Elective/Minor (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 15

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer/

BA degree requires two semesters of same foreign language.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements are the same as for SIUE. High school deficiencies must be remedied and academic development courses must be completed before applying for a major in economics. Transfer courses with a grade of D or lower will not count toward a major in economics.

Exit Requirements

- Maintain a 2.0 grade point average in economics courses and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.
- Complete all economics courses in regularly scheduled classes.
(No credit is granted for correspondence or extension courses.)
- Present research projects from ECON 415 or ECON 417 to the faculty.
- Complete a minor as approved by the department.

Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

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