

# Undergraduate Economics

## Degrees Available at SIUE

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

## Economics at SIUE

Economics is a social science that examines the decision-making process regarding the use of scarce resources such as land, raw materials, labor, machinery, physical structures, etc. At SIUE, students choosing to major in economics will pursue a core program of courses designed to provide a thorough grounding in economic theory. This core program of study is followed by more specialized study in such areas as money and banking, labor and industrial relations, international economics, public finance, industrial organization, and antitrust policy. Our economics students also receive strong training in data analysis, and most upper-level courses involve a project in which students solidify their economics knowledge and research skills. Students develop their programs with the counsel of a faculty advisor.

Students pursuing economics at SIUE will complete a course of study designed to lay a foundation in both microeconomics and macroeconomics. Supply and demand, pricing, and the tools utilized to predict the effects of government interventions and regulations on the markets are only a few of the questions that can be answered through the study of microeconomics. The examination of the national economy, including economic growth, unemployment, and factors that affect inflation, fall under the area of macroeconomics. Also included in the study of macroeconomics are domestic factors, such as monetary and fiscal policies, as well as international factors, such as trade and exchange rates.

Lawyers, bankers, those working in investment firms, managers of large and small businesses, government planners, and journalists find that economics is a useful tool in understanding and solving social, economic, and financial problems. The increase in globalization has made knowledge of economics a valuable asset.

## What can I do with a degree in economics?

Many career opportunities are available to students graduating with a degree in economics. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that opportunities for well-prepared economists will grow 14% through 2022. Career opportunities will be best for students with strong analytical skills, related work experience, and those who choose to further their education and attend graduate school or pursue a PhD. Although most students will go on to pursue graduate and doctoral education, some entry-level opportunities, primarily in the federal government, are available for those with a bachelor's degree.

Economists are employed in all areas of private industry; in federal, state, and local government agencies; in international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank; in labor unions; and in colleges or universities. Professional economists perform duties including market research, forecasting, corporate planning, policy evaluation, economic impact studies and consulting. The ability of our graduates to think critically and communicate effectively has helped them become valuable contributing employees in the field of economics. Graduates of the economics program at SIUE (including the graduate program) are employed at commercial banks, brokerage firms, government agencies, public utilities, state legislatures, manufacturing and retailing firms, consulting firms, community colleges, and small liberal arts colleges. One popular option among our students is law school, while others continue their economics studies in highly competitive PhD programs.

## Admission Requirements

The admission/entrance requirements for a degree in economics are the same as for the University. High school deficiencies and academic development courses must be completed before applying for a major in economics.

# SIUE

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Department of Economics and Finance



## Faculty

**Ari Belasen, PhD**  
2007, Binghamton University

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# Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Economics

## Fall Semester

## Spring Semester

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>ECON 112 Microeconomics (BSS)</b> 3 ENG 101 Composition 3 MATH 120 College Algebra (BPS) 3 ACS 101 Public Speaking 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1 Total Credits 16	<b>ECON 111 Macroeconomics (BSS)</b> 3 QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher 3 ENG 102 Composition 3 <b>MS 250 Math Methods for Business Analysis</b> 3 RA 101 Reasoning and Argumentation 3 Total Credits 15
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>MS 251 Statistical Analysis for Business Decisions (BICS, EL)</b> 4 Breadth Humanities (BHUM) 3 Breadth Life Science (BLS) 3 Experience Lab (EL) 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 16	ECON 301 Intermediate Micro Theory (BSS) 3 ECON 302 Intermediate Macro Theory (BSS) 3 ECON 315 Empirical Business Applications 3 Experience United States Culture (EUSC) 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 15
<b>Year 3</b>	ECON elective 3 Global Cultures (EGC) 3 Health Experience (EH) 2 Minor 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 14	ECON Elective 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 Elective 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 Total Credits 15
<b>Year 4</b>	ECON Elective 3 ECON Elective 3 Elective 3 Elective 2 Minor 3 Total Credits 14	Senior Assignment/Exit Requirement 0 ECON Elective 3 Elective/Minor 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15
		<b>Total Hours 120</b>

**NOTES** – Bachelor of Arts requires completion of eight courses in fine and performing arts or humanities, including two semesters of the same foreign language. Bachelor of Science requires completion of eight lecture courses in life, physical or social science, including two lecture courses with labs (EL).

**Transfer Students:** To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either 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. Visit [siue.edu/transfer](http://siue.edu/transfer) to find course equivalency guides.

### Graduation Requirements

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA in economics courses and a cumulative 2.0 GPA
- Complete all economics courses in regularly scheduled classes. (No credit is granted for correspondence or extension courses.)
- Complete exit exam, exit survey, and portfolio reflection
- Complete a minor as approved by the department

Students who have earned credit for a course required for a degree in economics by taking a proficiency examination, by transferring credit for a course, or by taking the course, may not earn credit for graduation by taking a similar or lower division course in economics at SIUE or at other higher education institutions.

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