Economics - B.A.

The Department of Economics offers theoretical and applied courses in diverse areas including microeconomics, macroeconomics, labor, money and banking, international economics, public economics, and industrial organization. It provides an opportunity for the student to pursue his or her interests within the framework of a liberal arts education.

The department offers programs leading to different undergraduate degrees – a Bachelor of Science in the Gatton College of Business and Economics, a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science with a major in economics in the College of Arts and Sciences, a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science with a major in foreign language and international economics, and a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science with a major in mathematical economics. The distinctions among these degrees lie primarily in the required supporting courses in the various programs. (Foreign language and international economics majors and mathematical economics majors should refer directly to that section of the UK Bulletin.)

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree must complete a minimum of 39 hours at the 300+ level. These hours are generally completed by the major requirements. However, keep this hour requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree can be found on page 109 of the 2009-2010 UK Bulletin.

University Studies Program Requirements
I. Math (completed by Premajor Requirements) 0-8
II. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) 0-8
III. Inference–Logic (completed by Premajor Requirements) 0-4
IV. Written Communication (completed by Premajor Requirements) 0-4
V. Oral Communication* 0-1
VI. Natural Sciences 0-6
VII. Social Sciences (partially completed by Premajor Requirements) 0-3
VIII. Humanities 0-6
IX. Cross-Cultural (choose a 300+ level Humanities course) 3
X. Electives (choose 6 hours of Natural Sciences) 0-6

USP hours: 27-39

Graduation Writing Requirement
After attaining sophomore status, students must complete a Graduation Writing Requirement course. See “University Writing Requirement” on page 75 of the 2009-2010 UK Bulletin.

Graduation Writing Requirement Hours: 3

College Requirements
I. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) 0-8
II. Disciplinary Requirements
a. Natural Science (completed by USP Elective Requirement) 0-6
b. Social Science (completed by Premajor and Major Requirements) 0-6
c. Humanities (partially completed by USP Cross-Cultural Requirement) 0-3
III. Laboratory or Field Work 0-1
IV. Electives 0-6

College Requirement hours: 10-18

Premajor Requirements
^MA 113 Calculus I or
MA 123 Elementary Calculus and its Applications and
MA 162 Finite Mathematics and its Applications 4-6
^ECO 201 Principles of Economics I 3
ECO 202 Principles of Economics II 3
STA 291 Statistical Method 3
Premajor hours: 13-15

Major Requirements

Major Core Requirements
ECO 391 Economic and Business Statistics 3
ECO 401 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory 3
ECO 402 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory 3
*ECO 499 Seminar in Economics 3
Major Core hours: 12

Other Course Work Required for the Major
From the Major Department: Choose 9-15 hours of 300+ level Economics courses 9-15
From Outside the Major Department: Choose 15-21 hours outside Economics at the 200+ level, with at least 6 hours in 2 different departments. These courses are generally chosen from the following departments: Anthropology, Computer Science, History, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Statistics, or courses offered by the College of Business and Economics. 200+ level courses used to satisfy USP and College Requirements can also be counted here 15-21
Other Major hours: 30

Electives
Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation 4

Total Minimum Hours Required for Degree 120
^Course used towards completion of a USP or College Requirement.
*COM 199 + ECO 499 complete the Oral Communication Requirement.