Bachelor of Arts in Economics

The Bachelor of the Arts (BA) in Economics prepares students for a variety of careers and for graduate studies in multiple disciplines; students develop essential skills in problem-solving, critical thinking, and data analytics. We offer electives, such as behavioral economics, resource & energy economics, public policy, pandemic economics, economic development, experimental economics, health, and economic history. The BA in Economics is selected by many students pursuing a double major. Economics majors have some of the highest LSAT, GMAT, and GRE scores, and our BA majors have been admitted to some of the best graduate programs in the world. Economics faculty are internationally ranked for cutting-edge research; undergraduate research and internship opportunities abound.

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

Admission Requirements

Complete the Application and Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/).

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/).
- Complete the major requirements below.

Major Requirements

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Upper-division ECON electives (including a minimum of 3 credits at the 400 level) 2

1 Math skills are important in the study of economics. For this reason, majors are to complete their math requirements early in their program. Students planning on graduate school are advised to take the entire calculus sequence (MATH A251, MATH A252 and MATH A253).

2 No more than a total of 6 credits earned in an independent study, or ECON A454, may be used to satisfy requirements for the major (6 credits of independent study or 3 credits of independent study and 3 credits of ECON A454).

Students must complete at least 12 credits of their economics courses in residence at UAA.

A total of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 51 credits must be upper-division.

Honors in Economics

Students majoring in economics are eligible to graduate with departmental honors if they satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Meet requirements for Bachelor of Arts in Economics.
2. Maintain a GPA of 3.50 in their major requirements.
3. Complete ECON A492 with a grade of A, or complete a research paper with a grade of A which demonstrates independent economic research in a semester-length independent study course.
4. Receive an honors score on a comprehensive examination for economics majors.

Students not meeting all these requirements may be awarded honors through a vote of the faculty.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics will be able to:

- Demonstrate the economic way of thinking and apply it to a wide variety of issues and problems.
- Use economic concepts and analytical skills to address economic problems.
- Demonstrate a basic descriptive knowledge of the U.S. and world economies.
- Understand the role of institutions, especially markets and government, in shaping economic outcomes.
- Obtain and analyze relevant economic data to test hypotheses against evidence.