

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

OVERVIEW

The College of Business at Lewis University offers a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum that prepares students for a wide variety of careers in a competitive and changing business world.

Economics majors at Lewis study human behavior and how it relates to producing, consuming, and exchanging goods and services. The curriculum also focuses on the interrelated areas of the international economy, taxes, inflation, monetary and fiscal policies, pricing, and pricing structures. Students have the opportunity to earn academic credit toward a Bachelor of Science in Economics and gain on-the-job training through the College of Business Internship Program.

OBJECTIVES

Economics majors at Lewis University learn:

- Basic and applied economic theory.
- Basic economics tools needed to provide business, government, and educational decision makers with concise and structured information needed to make informed economic decisions.
- The use of the latest computer technology in the field.

HIGHLIGHTS

- An applied economics curriculum blends theory with the practical experience of a dedicated and experienced faculty.
- Students learn to become applied economists who can forecast practical economic variables.
- The program also offers minors for business and non-business majors, and can be easily be designed as a double major with Finance.

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INTERNSHIPS

The Lewis University College of Business Internship Program offers students the opportunity to gain valuable, real-world experience while earning academic credit toward a bachelor's degree in Economics. Students are required to work a minimum of 200 hours and meet goals discussed by the student and internship advisor. Internships are offered during the fall, spring and summer sessions.

Students can earn internship credit in one of three ways:

1. Apply for internships with companies currently offering internships to Lewis students.
2. Apply for an internship based on a current financial position with an organization.
3. Students may also seek out internship opportunities on their own upon approval by the College of Business for a project relating to the student's academic interest.

For more information contact Dr. Laura Leli Carmine, Internship Coordinator, by e-mail at lelila@lewisu.edu or call (815) 836-5458.

Some of the companies Lewis students have interned with include:

A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.
 Chicago Board of Trade
 Edward Jones
 Illinois Bar Association
 InvestSmart Strategies
 Leo Burnett
 Liberty Tax
 McDonald's Corporation
 Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc.
 Merrill Lynch
 The San Jose Group
 Weiland Financial Group

CAREER OUTLOOK

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs for economics majors are expected to increase from 10 percent to 20 percent through the year 2012. Graduates with degrees in Economics also enjoy the highest average starting salaries.

Students who complete the Economics curriculum will be well prepared for careers in money and banking, securities, personal finance, government, and all general business fields. Most economists work in private industry but many also are employed in government and/or as educators at the high school and college levels.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Each year, a select committee of the College of Business faculty honors its Distinguished Alumni during Adam Smith Week. Adam Smith was an 18th century moral philosopher who became the first political economist ever known.

Adam Smith Award Honorees

1999 – William R. Rybak '73
 2000 – Gregory Maruszak '70
 2001 – Robert R. Pluth, Jr. '76
 2002 – Andrew C. Langert '73
 2003 – Kenneth S. Gabriel '77
 2004 – Kathleen L. Halloran '74
 2005 – John J. Brett '79
 2006 – Timothy M. Ferrarell '79, '83
 2007 – Clifton J. Kelly '78
 2008 – Michael L. Parker '74
 2009 – Joe Perrino '75

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE / ECONOMICS

Total Credit Hours: 128
Major Credit Hours: 61

I. Core Courses (40)

- 04-200 Basic Macroeconomics (3)
OR
04-195 The American Economy (3)
04-201 Basic Microeconomics (3)
23-120 Principles of Accountancy I (3)
23-121 Principles of Accountancy II (3)
24-349 Business Statistics (3)
24-350 Decision Science (3)
25-200 Principles of Marketing (3)
61-200 Principles of Management (3)
61-250 Business Law I
61-300 Business Communication in the Digital Age (3)
61-390 Management Seminar (1)
62-200 Principles of Finance (3)
63-200 Introduction to Information Systems (3)

Select one of the following:

- 24-230 Finite Mathematics (3)
24-240 Business Calculus (3)

II. Major Area Courses (12)

- 04-330 Government and Business (3)
04-335 Money and Banking (3)
04-361 Intermediate Income Theory (3)
04-362 Intermediate Price Theory (3)

III Select three electives (9)

- 04-300 Current Topics in Economics (3)
04-345 International Economics (3)
04-472 Economics Internship (3)
04-492 Independent Study/Economics (3)
62-300 Corporate Finance (3)

IV. The advanced writing requirement of the General Education curriculum is satisfied by Economics majors by successful completion of Business Communication in the Digital Age (61-300) (3).

DOUBLE MAJOR IN ECONOMICS FOR BUSINESS MAJORS

Accountancy, Business Administration, Finance, Computer Information Systems, Information Security and Risk Management, and Marketing majors can earn a double major in Economics by completing the seven Major Area and Electives Courses (21) listed above.

MINOR / ECONOMICS FOR BUSINESS MAJORS

Minor Credit Hours: 12

Accountancy, Business Administration, Finance, Computer Information Systems, Information Security and Risk Management, and Marketing majors can earn a minor in Economics by completing four of the following courses:

I. Core Courses (6)

- 04-361 Intermediate Income Theory (3)
04-362 Intermediate Price Theory (3)

II. Select two of the following: (6)

- 04-300 Current Topics in Economics (3)
04-330 Government and Business (3)
04-335 Money and Banking (3)
04-345 International Economics (3)
62-300 Corporate Finance (3)

MINOR / ECONOMICS FOR NON-BUSINESS MAJORS

Minor Credit Hours: 12

Non-College of Business students may minor in Economics by completing the following four courses: (12)

I. Core Courses (12)

- 04-195 The American Economy (3)
OR
04-200 Basic Macroeconomics (3)
04-201 Basic Microeconomics (3)
04-361 Intermediate Income Theory (3)
04-362 Intermediate Price Theory (3)

WEB SITES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

National Association for Business Economics - www.nabe.com

Economic Job Site - www.nabe.com/careers/htm

Internet Site for Economics - www.inomics.com/cgi/show

Lewis University - www.lewisu.edu