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Online Resources:

Economics Website

<http://www.jmu.edu/cob/economics/>

What are JMU Economics Graduates doing?

<http://oirsacs.jmu.edu/alumni/alumempl.asp>

Career Information for Economics

<http://www.oswego.edu/~economic/careers.html>

Federal Jobs

<http://www.ourpublicservice.org/OPS/programs/calltoserve/toolkit/#3>

WHAT IS AN ECONOMICS MAJOR?

Economics is the science that examines many of society's most fundamental and controversial issues. Among these are the strengths and the limitations of market-based systems of production and distribution, the creation and distribution of wealth, the appropriate role of government in the economy, the incidence and alleviation of poverty, methods of preserving environmental quality, the determinants of economic growth, business cycles, inflation and unemployment. It should be recognized, however, that economics is not a body of fixed conclusions and policy prescriptions. Rather, economics is a method, or a technique for thinking, which helps one draw sound inferences about difficult and often confusing problems. The economics major is designed to provide students with the understanding of these concepts so that they can be applied in alternative paths that lead to careers in business, government, nonprofit, or education.

Economists study the operation of markets for goods, services, and resources and analyze the structure of institutions such as banks, the stock market and labor unions. People who have studied economics also deal with problems arising from inflation, taxes and international trade.

There are three possible Economics degrees at JMU: BBA, BA, and BS. Also, at JMU students may select general Economics or select from five concentrations: Political Economy, Financial Economics, International Economics, Environmental and Natural Resources Economics and Socioeconomics. Economics' graduates will have developed strong analytical and critical thinking skills through a variety of interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary forms of education. The writing, research, statistical and econometric skills gained will be highly valuable in business, government and the non-profit sector.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Bank Advisor
- Editor
- Market Research Analyst
- Chamber of Commerce Director
- Estate Planner
- Mediator/Negotiator
- Commodities Analyst
- Export-Import Specialist
- Operations Specialist
- Commodities Trader
- Financial Analyst/Consultant
- Pricing Analyst
- Consumer Advocate
- Financial Sales Agent
- Professor
- Consumer Services Consultant
- Forecast Analyst
- Program Analyst
- Consultant
- Fund Raiser
- Property Manager
- Contract Administrator
- Trust Fund Officer
- Government Research Associate
- Public Administrator
- Contract Specialist
- Insurance Underwriter
- Research Analyst
- Corporate Planner
- International Trade Specialist
- Risk Manager
- Credit Analyst
- Job Analyst
- Statistician
- Cost Estimator
- Journalist/Columnist
- Stockbroker
- Economic Advisor
- Labor Economist
- Technical Writer
- Economic Analyst

B.B.A. CORE COURSE CURRICULUM

B.B.A. Lower-Level Core

COB 191. Business and Economics Statistics
 COB 202. Interpersonal Skills
 COB 204. Computer Information Systems
 COB 218. Legal Environment of Business
 COB 241. Financial Accounting
 COB 242. Managerial Accounting
 COB 291. Introduction to Management Science
 ECON 201. Principles of Economics
 GECON 200. Macroeconomics
 MATH 205 or MATH 235. Calculus

B.B.A. Upper-Level Core

COB 300A. Integrated Functional Systems: Management
 COB 300B. Integrated Functional Systems: Finance
 COB 300C. Integrated Functional Systems: Operations
 COB 300D. Integrated Functional Systems: Marketing
 COB 487. Strategic Management

Notes:

COB 191 and MATH 205 are prerequisites for COB 291.
 COB 241 is a prerequisite for COB 242.
 MATH 220 may be substituted for COB 191.
 COB 300 A-D must be taken in the same semester.
 COB 487 is taken in the senior year.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS for ECONOMICS

General Education	41 hours
BBA Core Curriculum	45 hours
Non-Business Electives hours	4-8 hours
Economics Courses	33 hours

ECON 201. Principles of Economics (Micro)
 GECON 200. Introduction to Macroeconomics
 ECON 331. Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
 ECON 332. Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
 ECON 385. Econometrics
 ECON 488. Senior Capstone Seminar in Economics
 ECON electives—15 credits
 (at least six credits must be at the 400 level, not including ECON 488, ECON 490 or ECON 499)

For the B.B.A. degree in Economics, each of the required courses ECON 331, ECON 332 and ECON 385 must be completed with a grade of at least "C."

All business majors must complete 60 non-business credit hours which include general education courses. In counting the 60 credit hours of non-business courses, B.B.A students may include all hours taken in General Education, up to nine hours in economics (ECON courses must be counted as economics) and three hours of COB 191, Business and Economic Statistics.

A minimum of 120 hours is required for graduation as well as an overall grade point average of 2.00 and a 2.00 within the major.

Co-curricular Activities and Organizations:

Madison Economics Club: <http://cob.jmu.edu/econclub/>

Omicron Delta Epsilon: <http://www.jmu.edu/cob/economics/ODE.shtml>



College of Business Acceptance Requirements

The College of Business has acceptance requirements for all three degrees (B.A., B.B.A., and B.S.). All students planning to take upper-level business courses must first be accepted. For more information on current requirements, contact the College of Business Academic Services Center in Suite 205 of Zane Showker Hall or call 540-568-2785.