

JMU College of Business Advising Checklist

Economics, BA and Economics, BS

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) in Economics (ECON) from James Madison University requires a minimum of 120 credit hours of undergraduate coursework, comprised of the following:

- BA Degree Requirements or BS Degree Requirements
- ECON Major Requirements
- JMU General Education Program: <https://www.jmu.edu/gened/>
- Electives to meet the minimum 120 credit hours (minimum of 60 from a 4-year school, minimum of 30 from JMU)

This document is provided as an advising resource only. Official curriculum requirements are listed in the JMU Undergraduate Catalog: <https://www.jmu.edu/catalog/> In the case of discrepancies, the University Catalog is the official curriculum students must follow. This document was reviewed by the Director of the CoB Advising and Support Center in August 2024. For more information contact the CoB Advising and Support Center: <https://www.jmu.edu/cobasc.>

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Requirements

To earn a BA degree, students must meet both the philosophy and foreign language requirements. Courses used to satisfy General Education Requirements may NOT be used to satisfy degree requirements.

- Philosophy Requirement (3 credit hours)
- Foreign language through the intermediate level (typically 232)

Bachelor of Science (BS) Requirements

To earn a BS degree, students must meet both the quantitative and scientific literacy requirements. Courses used to satisfy General Education Requirements may NOT be used to satisfy degree requirements.

- Quantitative Requirement (3 credit hours, may be satisfied by either the Calculus or Statistics Economics major requirement)
- Scientific Literacy Requirement (3-4 credit hours, may be satisfied by the ECON 201 major requirement)

Economics Major Requirements

All ECON majors, regardless of degree, complete the economics major core (21 credit hours) and at least 15 credit hours of ECON electives or coursework related to the concentration.

Quantitative Requirements

ECON majors pursuing a BA or BS must also complete the following quantitative requirements, which serve as prerequisites to some major core courses.

Class	Credits	Pre-Requisite(s) and/or Co-Requisite(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> COB 191 or MATH 220 – Statistics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 205 or MATH 235 – Calculus ¹	3	
Total	6	

¹ Calculus may also be used to satisfy the Cluster 3 Quantitative Reasoning (C3QR) General Education requirement.

Economics Major Core

Class	Credits	Pre-Requisite(s) and/or Co-Requisite(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 200 – Introduction to Macroeconomics ¹	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 201 – Introduction to Microeconomics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 284 – Quantitative Methods ²	3	Pre: Calculus, and Statistics
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 331 – Intermediate Microeconomics	3	Pre: C or better in ECON 200, ECON 201, and ECON 284 ²
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 332 – Intermediate Macroeconomics	3	Pre: C or better in ECON 200, ECON 201, and ECON 284 ²
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 385 – Econometrics	3	Pre: C or better in ECON 200, ECON 201, and ECON 284 ²
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 488 – Senior Capstone Seminar in Econ	3	Pre: C or better in ECON 331, ECON 332, and ECON 385; Senior Standing
Total	21	

¹ ECON 200 also satisfies the Cluster Four Global Experience (C4GE) General Education requirement.

² COB 291 or MATH 236 may be substituted for ECON 284.

Economics Electives (15 credit hours required)

All ECON students, regardless of degree, must complete at least 15 credit hours of ECON electives. Of those 15 credit hours, 6 credit hours must be at the 400 level, not including ECON 488, ECON 490, or ECON 499. Reference the course catalog for a complete list of ECON courses offered: <https://www.jmu.edu/catalog/index.shtml>

Class	Credits	Pre-Requisite(s) and/or Co-Requisite(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 400-level elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 400-level elective	3	
Total	15	

Concentrations (optional)

ECON students have the option to complete a concentration. Courses required by a concentration also satisfy the ECON electives requirement. Students should consult with their academic advisor when selecting a concentration. The following concentrations are available to ECON students:

- Environmental and Natural Resources Economics
- Financial Economics
- International Economics
- Political Economy
- Socioeconomics
- Quantitative Economics

Suggested Pathway

Use the following pathway and the course catalog as a guide to creating an academic plan. Your academic plan will be unique based on factors such as class availability, placement scores, and transfer credit, as well as considerations such as a pursuit of a double major, minor, and/or concentration. Consult with your academic advisor to create an individual plan.

ECON BA/BS Beginning with Calculus

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
MATH 205	MATH 220	ECON 284*	ECON 331*	ECON 332*	ECON 385*	ECON 4xx	ECON 488
ECON 200*	ECON 201*			ECON elective	ECON elective	ECON 4xx	ECON elective

ECON BA/BS Beginning with MATH 155

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
MATH 155	MATH 205	MATH 220	ECON 284*	ECON 331*	ECON 332*	ECON 4xx	ECON 488
ECON 200*	ECON 201*			ECON elective	ECON 385*	ECON 4xx	ECON elective
						ECON elective	

*C or better needed