

ECONOMICS, BA

THREE-YEAR PLAN

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This Sample Three-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it –along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools – to make their own three-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests.

Three-year plans may vary considerably from student to student, depending on their individual preparation and circumstances. Students interested in graduating in three years should meet with an advisor as early as possible to discuss feasibility, appropriate course sequencing, post-graduation plans (careers, graduate school, etc.), and opportunities they might forgo in pursuit of a three-year graduation plan.

DEPARTMENTAL EXPECTATIONS

A three-year degree is feasible for students with a variety of backgrounds and specific preparation. Students planning to graduate within three years with an Economics major should consult with an advisor (<https://econ.wisc.edu/undergraduate/academic-advising/>) as soon as possible, and should ideally be entering the University with a minimum of 30 advanced standing credits, and have satisfied the following requirements with course credit or via placement examination:

- ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics
- Communication Part A
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A
- Placement into MATH 221 Calculus and Analytic Geometry 1
- 3 credits of Literature, 3 credits of Biological Science
- 3-4 units of foreign language

Summer coursework is not required to finish in three years, but students planning to finish in three years will find it easier if they take either an intermediate theory course during Summer One or an advanced elective during Summer Two.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ECON 102	4 ECON 301	4 ECON 302	4
MATH 221	5 Communication B	4	
Literature Breadth	3 Biological Science Breadth	3	
Physical Science Breadth	3 Elective (Intermediate or Advanced level)	4	
	15	15	4

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
ECON 310	4 ECON 400 or 410	4 Summer Internship (optional)	0

Core Econ Course or elective	3 Physical Science Breadth	3	
Ethnic Studies/ Humanities Breadth	4 Humanities Breadth	4	
Elective (Intermediate or Advanced level)	4 Intermediate or Advanced COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) or Elective (Intermediate or Advanced level) (if BA)	4	
	15	15	0

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Core econ Course	3 Electives (Intermediate or Advanced level)	12

Electives (Intermediate or Advanced level)	11	
	14	12

Total Credits 90