**Program Description**

The economics program requires a strong core of economic theory, supplemented by mathematics and data analysis.

Students in this W. P. Carey BS degree program in economics choose from a variety of electives offered by the Department of Economics or many other ASU department. All students are encouraged to develop programs of study tailored to individual needs and interests. The undergraduate program provides students with the critical thinking and communication skills needed to succeed in business or graduate school.

The department's mission is to provide the highest quality instruction to students, conduct cutting-edge research in economics and provide leadership and service to professional communities.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** W. P. Carey School of Business
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

- 2020 - 2021 Major Map (On-campus)
- 2020 - 2021 Major Map (Online)
- Concurrent Option
- Major Map (Archives)
Concurrent Program Options

This degree is also offered as concurrent degree program with:

Engineering Management, BSE

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to choose either a 2.5- or a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Additional Requirements:

Freshmen admission requirements: 1230 SAT Reasoning OR 25 ACT score, OR graduated in the top eight percent of high school class, OR an overall high school GPA of 3.60 in ASU competency courses (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Freshmen should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the W. P. Carey business BA programs or any other degree program outside of the W. P. Carey School of Business. Students who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey business BS major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice are placed in a business BA program in the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Readmission requirements: Students must meet freshman admission requirements by way of high school GPA, test score or class rank and must have a 3.00 transfer GPA (if applicable) and a 3.00 cumulative ASU GPA.

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Transfer admission requirements (30 or more semester hours of credit after high school): 3.00 transfer GPA and one of the following: 1160 (prior to March 2016) or 1230 SAT Reasoning (after March 2016) OR 25 ACT score OR the student must have graduated in the top eight percent of their high school class.
Transfer students should select an additional major when applying for admission. Additional choices may include any of the W. P. Carey business BA programs or any other business or other degree program outside of the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Students with fewer than 45 transfer hours who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey School of Business major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice are placed in exploratory social and behavioral sciences in the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

Students with more than 45 transfer hours who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey School of Business major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice are prompted in My ASU to select a new major.

Concurrent degree admission requirements: Engineering Management, BSE and Economics, BS:

1. minimum 1250 SAT combined math and verbal (650 minimum on SAT math) or minimum 29 ACT combined score (29 minimum on ACT math), and
2. 3.00 minimum ABOR GPA

Change of Major Requirements

Students should refer to the following W. P. Carey website to determine if they meet change of major requirements: https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors.

Students ready to change their major should submit their request through W. P. Carey’s Advising SOS: http://wpcarey.asu.edu/sos.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Transfer Options
ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

### Global Opportunities

**Global Experience**

As globalization continues to impact the way people live and work, international experiences have become vital to success in every field of business. Through international study and internships, students can see different economic systems play out in real time and gain valuable skills employers seek, including communication and interpersonal skills, flexibility, motivation and a real-life perspective on business applications worldwide.

The W. P. Carey School of Business recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in economics: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.economics](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.economics).

### Career Opportunities

A major in economics provides students with the analytical and quantitative skills needed to prepare them for careers in business, government or public policy. The program of study can also be tailored to prepare students for graduate programs in economics, business or law. Students interested in pursuing a doctorate in economics are strongly encouraged to minor or major in mathematics as well.

Graduates have taken positions such as:

- consultants who serve as advisers to state and federal governments as well as private corporations
- corporate economists who collect data and make forecasts relevant to the firm's business
- employment in banking and financial services firms

Each year, many graduates pursue additional studies at other prestigious universities.
Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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