Economics (Politics and the Economy), BS

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Economics examines how societies, businesses and individuals deal with scarcity. This concentration adds the insights of political science to policies such as antitrust, taxation, environment and health care. Combining studies in these two fields prepares students to appreciate and engage in economic and public policymaking decisions.

Program Description

The concentration in politics and the economy serves undergraduate students in the BS program in economics who wish to pursue careers in business, economic and political consulting, political science, law and government. In addition to coursework drawn from economics, the concentration also requires coursework that highlights the impact of government policies on the economy and the conditions under which government interventions may be warranted. Students take political science courses that provide a deep understanding of political processes and institutions as well as methodologies for understanding that behavior.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
  or MAT 270 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/.

Career Opportunities

Upon completion of the economics degree program with a concentration in politics and the economy, graduates are well-prepared for successful careers in business, economic and political consulting, law and government, whether they seek employment immediately upon graduation or they choose to pursue advanced degrees in law, business, economics or political science.
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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