

Minor for Economics Majors

All Economics majors are required by the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBS) to complete a minor. University requirements for a minor include:

1. a *minimum* of 18 units (some minors may require more than 18 units)
2. a *minimum* of 9 (of these 18 units) must be upper-division

The minor that you choose need *not* be selected from other SBS Departments (you can choose your minor in BPA, for example). Most Departments list required core courses for a minor. You should check the catalog listing for the Department in which you choose to minor for any required core courses. It is also strongly recommended that you consult with that Department concerning the nature of various courses that are available.

Students can also propose a *thematic minor* around a specific theme using courses from two or more disciplines with the approval of a faculty advisor in the Department of Economics. Note that a thematic form, available from the SBS Office of Student Services, must be submitted as the time of application for degree certification. While your Economics advisor is ultimately responsible for approving the content of a thematic minor, that advisor may ask you to consult with faculty in the relevant Departments before your proposal is approved.

The structured minor in *General Business* is a popular thematic minor among Economics majors. SBS Economics majors with a minor in General Business will have completed requirements, upon graduation, that are quite similar for the BPA major in Business Economics. The General Business Minor requires completion of Econ 200, Acct. 200, MIS 111 and B.AD 301, 302, and 303. Since Econ. 200 is required for the Economics major, SBS Economics majors cannot use Econ. 200 for both the major and the General Business Minor. Thus, as a substitute for Econ. 200 for the General Business Minor, students can take Acct. 210 or any upper-division Economics class (excluding Econ. 300 and 330) that will then not be counted towards the Economics major.

All students should select a minor based on their interests, talents, and goals. Economics majors who enter Law school upon graduation often minor in disciplines such as Political Science, History, English, Psychology, or a second language (although Law schools do not require specific undergraduate majors or minors for admission). Students contemplating graduate study in Economics (or Finance) would benefit significantly from a minor in Mathematics. General Business is an excellent minor for those who wish to enter into various business areas upon graduation. Students should also be mindful of the fact that, in some cases, employment and certain graduate school opportunities are more greatly affected by the level of academic performance (i.e., grades) than the specific, say, minor selected. Lastly, students should not hesitate to discuss any of their academic or career plans with their faculty advisor.
