

Seidman College of Business

ECONOMICS, B.A.

Suggested Four Year Plan

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This sample schedule is a guide showing the approximate order of courses to be taken (including pre-requisites). Consult MyPath, an interactive checklist accessible to all students. Meet with a Seidman Academic Advisor **at least** once a semester to establish a specialized degree plan. Please note that the official documentation is the university catalog.

Year One

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts (3)** | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Perspective** (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Language 101 (4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language 102 (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Math 110 (4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science [∇] (3-5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social & Behavioral Science #1 (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing 150 (4) | |

If you haven't yet done so, meet with a Seidman Academic Advisor to prepare your schedule for year two registration and to discuss major and elective choices.

Year Two

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics 210* (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics 211* (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Language 201* (4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Science [∇] (3-4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Math or Logic* (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy and Literature** (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics 215* (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics 216* (3) | |

*If you haven't yet done so, meet with a Seidman Academic Advisor to prepare your schedule for year three registration and to discuss major and elective choices. **Must be admitted to the Seidman College of Business to take upper-level business classes (300/400 level)***

Year Three

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elective of choice (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics 312*(3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics 313*** (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Issue # 1 (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics elective # 1(3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics elective #2(3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Diversity** (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Perspectives** (3) | |

Now you REALLY need to meet with a Seidman Academic Advisor to prepare for your fourth year registration. Meet with an Economics faculty mentor to discuss major elective choices.

Year Four

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics 495*(3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics elective #3* (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics elective # 4*(3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics elective #5*(3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Elective of choice (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Elective of choice (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elective of choice (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Issue # 2 (3) | |

Please note that fulfilling only the degree and major requirements will leave you short of the 120 credits required to graduate. Elective credits will be necessary, so meet with your faculty mentor to discuss course options.



Graduation Check List:

- 120 total credits
- 2.5 overall GPA
- 2.5 Seidman GPA
- Two SWS courses

[∇] - One must be taken as a lab course

◆ - May be taken as an SWS, also has prerequisites

* - Prerequisite exists

** - Course may be offered as SWS (WRT 150 is prerequisite)

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Career Paths with Economics

Government economist: economists in the Federal government administer most of the surveys and collect the majority of the economic data about the US. Suggested courses for those interested in government*:

ECO 300	ECO 355	ECO 440
ECO 400	ECO 343	ECO 349
ECO 365	ECO369	ECO 336

Economics and law: economics provides excellent preparation for Law School. Suggested courses for those interested in preparing for Law School*:

ECO 300	ECO 343	ECO 345
ECO 349	ECO 414	ECO 360
ECO 440	ECO 400	ECO 336

*Please see your advisor for a complete list

Study Abroad

Studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to discover a foreign country for a summer, a semester, or an academic year! Learn cross-cultural skills, gain a global perspective, and prepare yourself for the challenges of conducting business around the world.

Free Trade Agreement analysts provide support services to the import/export team and work with key stakeholders in law, regulatory affairs, import/export logistics, procurement, and marketing/sales.

Popular study abroad options for Business Economics majors are:

- ESSCA University, Hungary
- ENCU, China
- John Cabot University, Italy
- ESSCA, Hungary
- Macquarie University, Australia

To get started, attend a First Steps meeting, Seidman Study Abroad Forum, or meet with a Peer Advisor from Padnos International Center. For more information visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad.

Recommendations from Faculty

- Some of the general education requirements offer an Economics option. These can count in your Business Economics major. Examples are World Perspectives and one of the two required Issues courses.
- Students are not recommended to take Economics 312 and 313 in the same semester.
- Economics 300 or Economics 400 can substitute for Statistics 216
- Students with a 3.2 or higher GPA may add an Honors emphasis to their Economics major. Contact the department chair for more information.
- Get involved with Economics clubs such as Economics Club of Grand Valley. The Club conducts numerous social and scholarly activities throughout the year, including current events panel discussions, job and internship opportunities updates, explorations about graduate and professional school opportunities, and field trips.