

Economics Major

(13 units)

1. Ten departmental units (6 of which must be Beloit College units):
 - a. Economics 199, 211, 212, 251, 303, 305 or 306, and 380.
 - b. Three elective units: no more than 1 unit from Economics 203, 204, 205, 208, 209, and at least 2 units from Economics 220, 235, 245, 255, 265, 305 or 306, 320, and 336.
2. Supporting courses (3 units):
 - a. Three units from Mathematics 110 or 113, 115, and 1 course numbered 175 or higher, chosen in consultation with the student's advisor OR Mathematics 115 and two additional courses numbered 175 or higher.

The core of the economics major is economic theory. Economic theory is the set of tools an economist uses to understand the bewildering world of commerce to predict the behavior of individuals and certain groups into which they gather. The required and elective courses of this major will give students an appreciation for the way in which professional economists look at the world and how they try to understand how it works. Students wanting to become professional economists should, of course, take this major. But it would also benefit those who are considering careers in other areas (law, public policy, business) and who have a flair for abstract reasoning and mathematics.

International Political Economy Major

(13 units)

1. Ten departmental units (6 of which must be Beloit College units):
 - a. Economics 199, 211, 212, 235, 251, 303, and 380.
 - b. Three elective units from Economics 203, 204, 205, 206, 208, 209, 220, 306, and 336.
2. Supporting courses (3 units):
 - a. A minimum of 1 unit on general world history of culture or on interactions or relations among countries.
 - b. A minimum of 1 unit on a specific country or region of the world that is different from the student's home country or region of the world.
 - c. No more than 2 units from the same discipline can count toward these requirements.
 - d. Students are strongly encouraged to take either Political Science 130, 160 or 246.
3. Double majors in International Political Economy and International Relations may double count no more than 4 units.

International political economy (IPE) is a field of study that examines the systemic connections between the political and institutional rules of the social order and patterns of economic structure and performance in an international context. Though the field draws mainly upon economics and political science, the boundaries of IPE are somewhat fluid, incorporating sociology, anthropology, history, and area/regional studies. The IPE major complements existing programs in international education by offering an international field of study that incorporates a rigorous quantitative sequence as part of its core curriculum. This internationally oriented major that emphasizes social scientific empirical methods will be especially attractive to students interested in pursuing graduate programs in development studies and international economics, and careers in international business consulting, financial services, and NGO operations.

Business Economics Major

(13 units)

1. Eleven departmental units (6 of which must be Beloit College units):
 - a. Economics 199, 211, 212, 214, 215, 251, and 380.
 - b. Four elective units: no more than 2 units from Economics 204, 206, and 208, and at least 2 units from Economics 220, 235, 245, 255, 265, 285, 302, 303, 306, and 336.
2. Supporting courses (2 units):
 - a. Two elective units from Art 325; Cognitive Science 101, 280; Mathematics 110 or 113; Theatre, Dance and Media Studies 101, 107, 150, 245, 262; Philosophy 100; Environmental Studies 258; Psychology 260, 265; Interdisciplinary Studies 125, 202, 313; Sociology 285, 290 (Economic Sociology or Sociology of Organizations).

The business economics major is designed for students who want to understand how economic organizations function and who want to run economic organizations: for-profit firms, not-for-profit firms, and governmental organizations. The major has two analytical cores. First, economic analysis is essential to understand the micro- and macro-economic environments within which economic organizations operate and to identify the trade-offs that these organizations face. Second, a two-course sequence in accounting and finance teaches the basic analytical concepts required to evaluate the financial history, to guide the day-to-day operation, and to envision the future paths of an economic organization. Graduates will be equipped to participate in the operation of all forms of economic organizations, to work in the financial services sector, to pursue professional programs, or to start their own business.