DEGREE(S)

- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in business administration, concentration in economics
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in economics

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Government and business agencies constantly allocate resources, analyze economic trends and forecast financial changes. Through the Cook School's economics curriculum, you'll learn to apply theory and problem-solving skills while balancing public policy with the choices faced by today's society.

Saint Louis University's John Cook School of Business, with its continuing mission to provide excellence in business education, has developed a program that is one of a kind in the region. The program helps students develop strong ethical, technical and professional skills, and it provides in-depth expertise in economics.

The John Cook School of Business currently offers two undergraduate options in economics: a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in economics; and, in cooperation with the College of Arts and Science, a Bachelor of Arts in economics.

Business majors may complete the economics supporting area in addition to their chosen area of concentration. Nonbusiness majors may also choose to complete a minor in economics through the College of Arts and Sciences.

ABOUT THE FACULTY

The faculty is at the center of our efforts to provide a challenging, high-quality educational experience, with one of the major strengths being that the faculty members are academically prepared in their special field of economics and have professional experience in a variety of work settings. Many classes include applying theory to real-world situations.

CURRICULUM

In addition to fulfilling the requirements for a B.S. in business administration, students with a concentration in economics through the John Cook School of Business must complete 18 credit hours of coursework in addition to ECON 1900, ECON 3120 and ECON 3140.

This coursework includes ECON 3010: Introduction to Econometrics and 15 credit hours from the following:
- ECON 3790: Economies of Latin America
- ECON 4080: Industrial Organization and Public Policy
- ECON 4120: Law and Economics
- ECON 4160: History of Economic Analysis
- ECON 4200: Money and Banking
- ECON 4300: International Trade
- ECON 4310: Exchange Rates and the Global Economy
- ECON 4400: Labor Economics
- ECON 4450: Economics of International Migration
- ECON 4500: Sports Economics
- ECON 4560: Economic Development
- ECON 4600: Public Finance
- ECON 4700: Health Economics
- ECON 4770: Advanced Econometrics
- ECON 4930: Special Topics in Economics

The B.A. in economics through the College of Arts and Sciences requires 15 credit hours of economics coursework beyond MATH 1320, ECON 1900, ECON 3010, ECON 3120, ECON 3140 and OPM 2070.

The supporting area in economics requires ECON 3010 and nine credit hours of upper-level courses in addition to ECON 1900, ECON 3120 and ECON 3140.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

Our urban location provides many internship opportunities, which allow students to gain career-related work experience while applying classroom learning to practice. Most are paid and students may earn academic credit. Supervised by both a representative from the organization and a faculty mentor, students have interned with entities such as financial institutions and governmental agencies.

The department has an excellent record of placing graduates in both graduate and professional programs, which lead to high-profile jobs. Graduates join a global network of nearly 20,000 alumni from Saint Louis University’s John Cook School of Business.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.