DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

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The primary objective of the Department of Economics and Finance is to provide a learning experience that will permit each student to achieve maximum intellectual development in their chosen area of study and to prepare for a satisfying career in that field.

Two degree programs are offered:

• **The B.S. in Economics** focuses on a business orientation of economic analysis. The economics program seeks to develop communication, problem-solving, and technology skills, as well as an understanding of practical and theoretical concepts in economics. Faculty members employ a variety of teaching methods to attain this mission. Graduates of the economics program should be well-prepared for a career in business and government or for the pursuit of graduate studies in a variety of fields.

In addition to the above abilities, graduates with a B.S. in Economics should be able to:

- Communicate information of an economic or policy nature through written and oral presentation
- Use quantitative methods to analyze problems
- Use technology (including spreadsheets and statistical software) to present and analyze economic problems
- Critically analyze an economic issue and develop a clearly supportable position on the issue
- Understand the principles of international trade in microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Understand basic economic concepts and theories

• **The B.S. in Finance** focuses on investment, international finance, and financial markets. The finance program seeks to develop communication, problem-solving, and technological skills, and an understanding of practical and theoretical concepts in finance. Faculty members employ a variety of teaching methods to attain this mission. Graduates of the finance program should be well-prepared for a career in the field of finance or for the pursuit of graduate studies in a variety of fields.

In addition to the above abilities, graduates with a B.S. in Finance should be able to:

- Critically analyze an economic or financial issue and develop a clearly supportable position on the issue
- Effectively communicate information of a financial or policy nature through written and oral presentation
- Use quantitative methods to analyze problems
- Use technology and financial spreadsheets to present and analyze financial problems
- Understand how international finance is applied to company decision making
- Understand basic financial concepts and theories

All freshmen and those transfer students who have not completed the required courses will be admitted to the pre-business program.

Programs

**Majors in Economics and Finance**

- B.S. in Economics (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/business-public-management/economics-finance/economics-bs/)
- B.S. in Finance (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/business-public-management/economics-finance/finance-bs/)

**Minors in Economics and Finance**

- Economics (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/business-public-management/economics-finance/economics-minor/)
- Finance (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/business-public-management/economics-finance/finance-minor/)

Graduate Opportunities

See the graduate catalog for more information on the Business Administration programs. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/business-public-management/business-administration/)

Policies

- See undergraduate admissions information. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions/)
- See academic policies. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/)

All undergraduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures outlined in the undergraduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

Prerequisites for Entry into the Business Majors: Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management, and Marketing

To apply for their business major, students must:

1. Complete ECO 111, ECO 112, ECO 251, MGT 200, MKT 250, and ACC 201 with a C or better in each course
2. Pass and complete both MAT 113 and MAT 143 with a C or better required in at least one of them. If a student is placed directly into MAT 143 and receives a C or higher or has completed MAT 161 or MAT 162 with a C or better, then the student does not have to take MAT 113 (replaced as a free elective).
3. Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.50
4. Pass an Excel basic skills exam with an 88% or better if transferring in 45 or more credits
5. Have at least 45 credit hours

These requirements must be met to be eligible to register for 300 and 400 level business courses. The same rules apply to all transfer students—both internal (those from within the University) and external (those from a non-WCU institution).

Economics & Finance Major Graduation Policies

To graduate with an earned degree from the Department of Economics and Finance’s major programs, students must have a 2.50 overall GPA.
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Courses

ECO

ECO 111. Principles of Economics (Macro). 3 Credits.
National income and its measurement. The determination of price levels, output, and employment. Money and credit, expenditures, and economic stability. Government fiscal and monetary policy.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

ECO 112. Principles of Economics (Micro). 3 Credits.
Principles underlying use and allocation of scarce productive resources. Consumption and production activities. Value, price, and income distribution. Considerations of economic efficiency and welfare.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

ECO 200. Personal Economics and Financial Planning. 3 Credits.
Students will acquire an understanding of the nature and scope of the economy and how it affects one’s life plans and goals. Topics covered include supply and demand, financial planning, personal taxes, retirement planning, investing in stocks and bonds, portfolio management, the time value of money, managing credit cards and debt, and insurance planning.
Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

ECO 251. Business Analytics I. 3 Credits.
This course develops an understanding of the basic tools of descriptive analytics that students can apply to a wide variety of situations and data encountered in the areas of business and economics. Students will develop a proficiency in employing Microsoft Excel for statistical analysis. Topics include descriptive statistics, probability theory, sampling and estimation, hypothesis testing, and linear regression.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 251 requires prerequisites of MAT 113 or MAT 143 or MAT 115 or MAT 131; and ECO 111 or ECO 112.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

ECO 333. Household Economics. 3 Credits.
Analyzes the economics of decision-making at the household and personal level. Includes an extensive treatment of marriage and fertility, as well as a number of topics of contemporary interest like same-sex and interracial relationships, adoption, and drivers of inequality.
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Pre / Co requisites: ECO 333 requires prerequisites of ECO 111, ECO 112, and a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA.
Typically offered in Spring.

ECO 334. Labor Economics. 3 Credits.
Application of economic theory to the operation of labor markets and the collective bargaining process. Consideration is given to the development of the labor movement and public policy toward labor and employment.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 334 requires prerequisite of ECO 112 and minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.

ECO 335. Money & Banking. 3 Credits.
A survey of money, credit, and prices, emphasizing their effects on economic stability. The Federal Reserve System and its effect on credit control.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 335 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.
ECO 336. Regulations of Competition. 3 Credits.
Background and development of public policies that directly modify the free enterprise
economy of the United States. Evaluation of policies that change the nature and extent of
competition.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 336 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 337. Economic Growth & Development. 3 Credits.
A survey and critical evaluation of alternative theories of capitalist economic development.
Analysis and comparison of alternative public policies applicable to underdeveloped countries
and regions.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 337 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 338. International Economics. 3 Credits.
A descriptive, analytical examination of international trade, finance, and other economic
relationships. The effects of public policies on these relationships.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 338 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 340. Intermediate Microeconomics. 3 Credits.
A continuation and extension of the price-system analysis in ECO 112. Emphasis on the need
for efficiency in the economy’s use of scarce productive resources.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 340 requires prerequisites of ECO 111; ECO 112; ECO 251 or MAT 121;
MAT 143 or MAT 161; ECO 351; and a minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.

ECO 341. Public Finance. 3 Credits.
Government’s influence on stability of national income. Nature of taxes and expenditures
at the various levels of government and their effect on the allocation of resources and
the distribution of income.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 341 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 342. Economics of the Law. 3 Credits.
Applies economic reasoning to the analysis of legal rules, examining both efficiency and
distributional consequences. Examines the incentive effects created by property law, tort law,
contract law and criminal law, along with their institutional frameworks.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 342 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and a minimum
CUM GPA of 2.50.

ECO 345. History of Economic Thought. 3 Credits.
Origins of economic thought and comparison of the major schools of economic doctrine.
Current economic and socio-political factors.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 345 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 346. Game Theory. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to strategic decision-making. It considers simultaneous and
sequential interactions, repeated interactions among the same players, and interactions where
information is incomplete or asymmetric. It provides an applied overview of game theoretical
concepts and emphasizes their use in real-world situations. The course also introduces
students to the field of behavioral game theory, which integrates insights from psychology
into standard economic theory.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 346 requires prerequisites of ECO 111, ECO 112, and ECO 351; ECO 251
or MAT 121; MAT 143 or MAT 161; and a minimum 2.50 cumulative average.

ECO 348. Intermediate Macroeconomics. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the theory of income, employment, and growth. Provides the analytic tools
necessary for dealing with aggregate economic problems.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 348 requires prerequisites of ECO 111; ECO 112; ECO 251 or MAT 121;
MAT 143 or MAT 161; ECO 351; and a minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.

ECO 349. Industrial Organization. 3 Credits.
This course studies the theory and empirical evidence concerning the organization of firms
and industries. It examines the structure-conduct-performance paradigm in detail, along with
applications such as advertising, patents, durable goods and strategic behavior.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 349 requires prerequisites of ECO 111; ECO 112; and MAT 143 or
MAT 161.

ECO 350. Urban Economics. 3 Credits.
Economic aspects of such urban problems as poverty, housing, taxation, income distribution,
and discrimination. Analysis of economic aspects of various proposed remedies, including
urban renewal, family allowances, cooperatives, and others.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 350 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 351. Business Analytics II. 3 Credits.
This course extends student understanding of descriptive analytics through data visualization
and basic statistical inference such as hypothesis testing and analysis of variance. Students
will develop predictive analytics tools such as multiple regression analysis, forecasting, data
mining, and spreadsheet modeling. The course will stress using statistical software beyond
Microsoft Excel to address practical business applications.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 351 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and ECO 251 or
MAT 121.

ECO 357. The Economics of Health Care. 3 Credits.
This course will apply the basic tools of economics analysis to the various components of
the health care system. Relying on microeconomic principles, we will study the behavior of
participants (consumers, providers, insurers) in the health care industry. We will address some
key policy issues that surround the provision of health care, as well as considering different
health systems. To be successful in this course students must be able to manipulate data and
formulas using a spreadsheet package such as Excel.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 357 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 385. Environmental & Resource Economics. 3 Credits.
The role of the environment in an economic system. Topics include energy economics, the
economics of renewable and nonrenewable resources, and the economics of pollution.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 385 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 399. Transfer Elective Upper Level. 1-10 Credits.
Transfer Elective Upper Level.
Repeatable for Credit.

ECO 400. Research Methods- Business & Economics. 3 Credits.
Provides the skills and tools required in business and economic research. Covers research
ethics, hypothesis development, data collection, multivariate analysis, and regression. Senior
Economics majors only.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 400 requires prerequisites of ECO 340 and ECO 348 and minimum 2.50
CUM GPA.

ECO 401. Introduction to Econometrics. 3 Credits.
Statistical and mathematical techniques applied to economic situations. Use of empirical data
in economic analysis.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 401 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and ECO 351 and
MAT 143. Minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.

ECO 409. Senior Seminar in Economics. 3 Credits.
Students are expected to prepare a research paper that describes and analyzes a current topic
in economics.
Pre / Co requisites: ECO 409 requires prerequisites of ECO 251 and ECO 351 and ECO 340 and
ECO 348. Minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.

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ECO 411. Internship. 3-6 Credits.
The internship is open to majors in economics only. It is intended to enhance the student's educational experience by providing substantive, professional work experience.
Pre / Co requisites: Minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.
Repeatable for Credit.

ECO 412. Internship. 3-6 Credits.
The internship is open to majors in economics only. It is intended to enhance the student's educational experience by providing substantive, professional work experience.
Pre / Co requisites: Minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add. Repeatable for Credit.

FIN 326. Intermediate Financial Management. 3 Credits.
A second course in managerial finance. Emphasis is distributed between theory and practice.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 326 requires prerequisites of FIN 325 and and a minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.

FIN 330. Principles of Insurance. 3 Credits.
The nature and types of risk management and insurance coverage are considered. Conceptual analysis and the impact of financial deregulation on personal and business risk management and insurance are covered.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 330 requires prerequisite of FIN 326 and Minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.

FIN 332. Real Estate Finance. 3 Credits.
This course provides a basic orientation to the financial instruments and institutional structures and policies of real estate finance.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 332 requires prerequisite of FIN 326 and minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.

FIN 333. Fundamentals of Financial Planning. 3 Credits.
The course introduces undergraduate students to different aspects of financial planning and provides them with the tools needed to create a financial plan. This elective course in finance blends current practices, trends, and issues in financial planning. A variety of instructional techniques are used, including short lectures, discussions, teamwork, problem solving, case studies, Excel modeling, short written assignments, visuals, and guest speakers from the Greater West Chester area. Following the completion of the course students should be able to decide if they want to pursue a career in financial planning and study for the Certified Financial Planner designation.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 333 requires a prerequisite of FIN 325 and FIN 344 with a C or better. Consent: Permission of the Department required to add. Typically offered in Fall.

FIN 336. Python for Business Analytics I. 3 Credits.
This course is designed for business students with little or no prior programming experience to build a working knowledge of business analytics programming using Python. Students will get hands-on experience in data manipulation and analysis based on all real-world business data, in ways commonly used in business practice. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be prepared for a job that expects a level of business analytic programming competence.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 336 requires a prerequisite of ECO 351 or STA 200 and a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA.
Distance education offering may be available. Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

FIN 337. Financial Markets and Institutions. 3 Credits.
Covers a variety of domestic and international financial markets and institutions. Analysis is provided for the regulation, operation, and management of these institutions. Written and oral presentations are required.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 337 requires prerequisites of ECO 111 and ECO 112 and FIN 325 Minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.
Distance education offering may be available.

FIN 344. Investments. 3 Credits.
Problems and procedures of investment management; types of investment risks; security analysis; investment problems of the individual as well as the corporation.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 344 requires prerequisite of FIN 325 and Minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.
Distance education offering may be available.

FIN 346. Equity Asset Valuation. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the characteristics, analysis, and valuation of equity securities, including the discussion of useful frameworks for conducting economic, industry, and individual company analysis. The three main equity valuation approaches (present value, multiplier, and asset-based), as well as the basics of financial statement analysis, financial modeling, and forecasting is covered. There will be two parts to the course: the first part will involve learning the course materials, while the second part will focus on the practical application of the knowledge gained from the course. The course will culminate in preparing, presenting, and delivering an actual equity research report as a team.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 346 requires a prerequisite of FIN 325 or a prerequisite or corequisite of FIN 344, a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA, and acceptance to the Finance major. Distance education offering may be available. Typically offered in Fall.

FIN 351. The Market for Corporate Control. 3 Credits.
The question of who controls an economy's assets is essential to understanding the success of the economy. The aim of this course is to thoroughly examine the market for corporate control, which includes mergers, acquisitions, LBOs, proxy fights, reorganizations, and anti-takeover protections. We will cover the history of MA markets, review corporate governance practices, and investigate the current theories and empirical evidence on buyouts and acquisitions. The course includes a rigorous treatment of deal valuation and financial modeling. Throughout the course, case studies provide students with access to key concepts and an interactive experience.
Pre / Co requisites: FIN 351 requires prerequisite FIN 326 with a grade of C or better.
FIN 360. Financial Analysis Using Excel. 3 Credits.
Teaches students how to use Excel spreadsheets to structure, analyze, and solve financial problems. Students will use Excel to develop financial forecasts, perform break-even analyses, perform sensitivity analyses, and make capital budgeting decisions.
Prerequisite: FIN 360 requires a prerequisite of C or better in FIN 325 and minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.
FIN 372. International Finance. 3 Credits.
Development of financial managerial knowledge and skills to understand the working of the corporate financial function in a global setting.
Prerequisite: FIN 372 requires prerequisite of FIN 325 and minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.
Distance education offering may be available.
FIN 375. Contemporary Financial Issues. 3 Credits.
Students will be required to read, research, and write papers on current issues and developments in finance.
Prerequisite: FIN 375 requires prerequisites of FIN 326, FIN 344, and a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.
FIN 399. Transfer Elective Upper Level. 1-10 Credits.
Transfer Elective Upper Level.
Repeatable for Credit.
FIN 410. Special Topics in Finance. 3 Credits.
This course will provide in-depth coverage of a major current topic in finance. The topic will change each semester. Topics to be covered include capital budgeting, valuation, financial derivatives, and financial modeling.
Prerequisite: FIN 410 requires prerequisite of FIN 325 and Minimum 2.50 CUM GPA.
Repeatable for Credit.