

ECONOMIC POLICY, MINOR

Economics is a social science and as such an important component of the liberal arts curriculum. At the core of economics are theories of how individuals, firms, and other organizations make choices and interact, taking into account constraints on their behaviors. Among the topics studied in economics are: the determination of prices and quantities in various types of markets (from perfectly competitive commodity markets to highly regulated utility markets and internet auctions); the effects of taxes, subsidies, and regulations; the determination of aggregate economic activity (e.g., GDP, unemployment); inflation, monetary policy, and financial intermediation; economic growth and income distribution; international trade and international finance (e.g., exchange rates). Economic policy questions stand at the center of public policy debates in the U.S. and countries all around the world. The goal of the Economic Policy Minor is to provide students who are not majoring in economics with the analytical tools that are necessary to participate in and shape public policy debates. The foundation for the minor is provided by the microeconomics and macroeconomics principles courses. After having completed the principles courses, the student can choose a minimum of four elective courses, which apply the basic tools of economic analysis to specific policy questions. The completion of the Economic Policy Minor does not require university-level calculus courses.

For more information: <https://economics.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/majors-and-minors/economic-policy-minor> (<https://economics.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/majors-and-minors/economic-policy-minor/>)

Code	Title	Course Units
Minor Requirements		
<i>Required</i> ¹		
ECON 0100	Introduction to Micro Economics	1
ECON 0200	Introductory Economics: Macro	1
<i>Electives</i>		
Select four of the following: ¹		4
ECON 0120	Strategic Reasoning	
ECON 0510	Development Economics	
ECON 0620	Financial Meltdown, Past and Present	
ECON 0420	Political Economy	
ECON 0430	Labor Economics	
ECON 0450	Industrial Organization	
ECON 0440	Law and Economics	
ECON 0460	Economics and Theories of Fairness	
ECON 0465	Economics and Philosophy	
ECON 0500	International Economics	
ECON 0615	The History of the International Monetary System and the Rise of the US Dollar	
ECON 0625	Introduction to Business, Economic and Financial History	
ECON 0630	The Economics and Financing of Health Care Delivery	
ECON 2300	Statistics for Economists	
Total Course Units		6

¹ Students may substitute a 0-level for a 2000-level in the same subject area provided they fulfill the prerequisites.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.