

Electives in Economics

Academic Year 2026–2027

Goal



Economics offers many electives. Taking courses that sound interesting and that are well taught is always a good strategy.



These slides group planned AY 2026–2027 electives by approach and topic to help Economics majors organize a schedule.



Availability labels: F = Fall 2026; S = Spring 2027. Offerings may change—confirm details and prerequisites in MyBU.

Grouping the Electives

Main differences

- Micro vs. macro
- More mathematical
- More empirical

Topics

- Business & competition
- Money, banking & finance
- Inequality
- Public policy
- Development
- Labor economics
- Economic theory

Microeconomics electives 1

EC320 Development Economics — F/S

EC323 Behavioral Economics — F/S

EC325 Poverty & Discrimination — S

EC332 Market Structure — F/S

EC333 Market Organization & Policy — F/S

EC337 Economics of Legal Issues — F/S

Microeconomics electives 2

EC358 Education Economics — S

EC371 Environmental Econ. — F/S

EC379 Firms & Development — S

EC385 Sports Economics — S

EC387 Health Economics — F/S

EC403 Game Theory — F/S

Macro electives

EC342 Money & Banking Theory — S

EC348 Dynamic Macroeconomics — F

EC368 East Asian Economies — F

EC369 Latin American Development — S

EC390 Special Topics — F

EC392 International Macroeconomics — S

EC405 Time-Series Econometrics — F

EC444 A Century of Macroeconomics — S

Courses spanning micro & macro

EC328 Urban & Regional Economics — F

EC365 Topics in Economic History — F/S

EC367 Public Economics — F

EC390 Special Topics — F

EC391 International Trade — F/S

EC405 Time-Series Econometrics — F

EC445 Risk & Uncertainty — F/S

Emphasis may vary by topic and instructor.

Technical classes

More mathematical classes

- 400-level courses tend to be more mathematical.
- Examples this year: EC403, EC404, EC444, EC445, and EC490.

More empirical classes

- Often require EC203/EC223 or EC204/EC224.
- Examples this year: EC358, EC365, EC387, and EC405.

Business & competition

EC332 Market Structure — F/S

EC333 Market Organization & Policy — F/S

EC337 Economics of Legal Issues — F/S

EC379 Firms, Markets & Development — S

EC391 International Trade — F/S

EC490 Auction Theory & Practice — F

Money, banking & finance

EC342 Money & Banking Theory — S

EC348 Dynamic Macroeconomics — F

EC392 International Macro — S

EC405 Time-Series Econometrics — F

EC444 A Century of Macro — S

EC445 Risk & Uncertainty — F/S

Inequality

EC325 Poverty & Discrimination — S

EC328 Urban & Regional — F

EC358 Education Economics — S

EC365 Economic History Topics — F/S

EC390 Housing Policy topic — F

Public policy

EC325 Poverty & Discrimination — S

EC328 Urban & Regional Economics — F

EC333 Market Organization & Policy — F/S

EC337 Economics of Legal Issues — F/S

EC367 Public Economics — F

EC371 Environmental Economics — F/S

EC390 Housing Policy topic — F

Development

EC320 Development Economics — F/S

EC365 Topics in Economic History — F/S

EC368 East Asian Economies — F

EC369 Latin American Development — S

EC379 Firms, Markets & Development — S

EC390 Growth & Development topic — F

EC391 International Trade — F/S

Labor economics

EC323 Behavioral Economics — F/S

EC325 Poverty & Discrimination — S

EC328 Urban & Regional — F

EC358 Education Economics — S

EC385 Sports Economics — S

EC387 Health Economics — F/S

Economic theory

EC332 Market Structure — F/S

EC403 Game Theory — F/S

EC404 Economics of Information — S

EC445 Risk & Uncertainty — F/S

EC490 Auction Theory & Practice — F

Special opportunities in 2026–2027

EC390 special topics
F

EC401/402 senior
independent work
F / S

EC411/412
Economics
Practicum
S

EC421
Understanding the
Fed
F / S

EC490 Auction
Theory & Practice
F

Check prerequisites

Verify sections in
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