• **ECONOMICS (ECN)**

Economics offers a clear and logical approach to business decision-making. The department offers broad course choices allowing students to tailor their programs to provide training for careers in business as well as teaching, government, and law. Students interested in majoring or minoring in economics should contact the Undergraduate Advisor in the Economics Department for more information.

**Requirements for the B.A./B.S. Degree:** Within the 120-semester-hour program as listed in the General Requirements section, students must complete a minimum of 21 hours of upper-level economics beyond the foundation courses for business.

**Required Economics Courses:**
- ECO 3101 Intermediate Price Theory or ECO 3100 Managerial Economics 3
- ECO 3203 Intermediate Macroeconomics 3
- 15 hours of upper-level economics courses 15  
  Total 21

Students must obtain a grade of "C" or higher in ECO 3101 Intermediate Price Theory or ECO 3100 Managerial Economics to enroll in any course for which ECO 3101 or ECO 3100 is a prerequisite. Students cannot take both ECO 3101 and ECO 3100 for credit. No more than 3 hours credit can be applied toward a major from ECO 4905 and/or ECO 4914. At least 12 hours must be taken in residence at USF.

**Requirements for a Minor in Economics:** All students, regardless of college can earn a minor in Economics by satisfactorily completing 18 hours in Economics. The requirements are:
1. ECO 2013 Economic Principles: Macroeconomics 3  
   ECO 2023 Economic Principles: Microeconomics 3  
   Upper-level economics electives (may include QMB 3200) 12  
   Total Economics Hours 18
   Business majors can obtain a minor with 9 additional upper-level hours in economics beyond the foundation requirements for business.
2. Before being recognized as a minor in economics, a student must obtain program approval by the Economics Department Undergraduate Advisor.
3. A grade point average of 2.0 or higher must be achieved in minor course work at USF and in all minor courses completed at other institutions. ECO 4905 and ECO 4914 may not be counted toward the minor.
4. At least 9 hours must be taken in residence at USF.

**The Economics Pre-Law Curriculum**

Economic principles provide the foundation for much of our legal system. Economics offers a series of courses to provide the abstract and applied skills required by those seeking legal careers.

Beyond ECO 2013 Economic Principles: Macroeconomics and ECO 2023 Economic Principles: Microeconomics, students should elect ECP 4451 Law and Economics. ECP 3413 Economics of Regulation and Antitrust and ECP 4505 Economics of Crime, are strongly recommended. Additional courses of interest are ECO 4504 Public Finance, ECP 3530 Economics of Health, ECP 3302 Environmental Economics, ECP 3203 Labor Economics, and ECP 3201 Economics of Women and Work.

The Economics Pre-Law Curriculum fits easily within the Economics major or minor but is open to other students. The Economics Department Undergraduate Advisor has helpful advice for students taking the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) or applying for admission to law schools.

**Five-year Bachelor/Master Degree Program**

This program allows superior students with strong analytical skills and the ability to handle a fast-paced, challenging program the opportunity to complete both the Bachelor and Master degrees in economics in five years.

The program requires the student to take two graduate level courses required for the MA degree during the last year in the Bachelor's program. These 6 hours are counted as general electives (not major electives) in the undergraduate program and are also used to satisfy the requirements for the MA in economics. After completing the 120-hour Bachelor program five-year students take 24 hours at the graduate level.

To be eligible for the program, a student must have completed at least 6 hours of 3000 level or above economics courses at USF (not including statistics), have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above, and have a minimum of 3.25 cumulative grade point average in all economics courses (including statistics).

To apply for admission, send a letter to the Graduate Program Director in the Department of Economics stating your qualifications and desire to enter the program. To plan your program, or for additional information, see the Undergraduate Advisor in Economics.