Bachelor of Art in Economics

Howard University

College of Arts & Sciences

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Quick Summary - What You Need to Graduate

Total Credits	Minimum GPA	Economics Credits	Last 30 Credits
120	2.0	33	At Howard

- **Your Degree Breakdown:**
- Major Requirements: 33 Economics credits (11 courses)
- General Education: 30 credits (approximately 15 courses)
- Minor: 15-18 credits (5-7 courses, 2.0 GPA)
- Math Requirements: Math 005 & Math 026 higher 7-8 credits (2 courses)
- Free Electives: Remaining credits to reach 120 (varies by track)
- Complete all 7 ELOs (can overlap with courses)
- COAS Experiential (1 course) & COAS Innovative Learning (1 course)
- Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam

Important: Double-Dipping Made Simple!

One course can fulfill BOTH a General Education requirement AND an Essential Learning Outcome (ELO) at the same time. You don't need separate courses for each! This helps you graduate efficiently without taking extra classes.

Major credits **cannot** be double dipped with minor credits. Minors require **15–18 credits that are not applied to their major requirements**. Minor coursework must remain distinct and separate from major coursework.

University-Wide Requirements

- ☐ **Minimum GPA:** 2.0 for all undergraduate coursework
- ☐ **Residency:** Complete last 30 credits at Howard University
- ☐ **Exit Requirement:** Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- ☐ **Total Credits:** 120 credits required

General Education Requirements (30 Credits / ~15 Courses)

Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs)

Students must complete courses covering all seven outcome areas. Remember, these can overlap with other requirements!

- ☐ **ELO 1:** U.S. and Global African Diasporic Developments
- ☐ **ELO 2:** Human Cultures and Creative Expression
- ☐ **ELO 3:** The Physical and Natural World
- ☐ **ELO 4:** Intellectual and Practical Skills
- ☐ **ELO 5:** Social Responsibility and Political Institutions
- ☐ **ELO 6:** Leadership and Applied Learning
- ☐ **ELO 7:** Comprehensive Wellness Practices

Note: ELO courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Freshman Experience (1 Credit / 1 Course)

- **FRSM 001** - Freshman Seminar (1 credit)

Core Writing & Communication (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- ☐ **ENGW 101, 102, or 104 -** First-Year English Writing I (3 credits)
- ☐ **ENGW 103 or 105 -** First-Year English Writing II (3 credits)
- ☐ **Third Writing Course** - Upper-level writing (3 credits)
- ☐ **COMM 101**- Principles of Speech (3 credits)

Mathematics (7-8 Credits / 2 Courses)

- **MATH 005 or higher** - College Algebra I or higher (3-4 credits)
- **MATH** 026 Applied Calculus (4 credits)

Note: Students who have successfully completed Calculus I (MATH 156) or higher can have the other mathematics requirements waived.

Health & Wellness (2 Credits/ 1 Course)

- **HHPL Activity/Health Course** (2 credits)

Cultural and Global Awareness (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **African American Cluster Course** - (3 credits)
- **Foreign Language** - 3 courses (9 credits total, same language)
    - 1 course can be substituted for intercultural knowledge course

Humanities & Social Sciences (9 Credits / 3 Courses)

- **Two Humanities Courses** - (3 credits each)
- **One Social Science Courses** - (3 credits each)

Natural Sciences (6-8 Credits / 2 Courses)

- **Two Natural Science Courses** (6-8 credits)

General Electives

- **4 courses in different general education disciplines** (12 credits)

COAS Special Requirements

Experiential Learning (1 course required)

Examples of COAS Experiential Learning Course but are not limited to:

- ☐ Internship
- ☐ Any 890 course
- ☐ Study abroad
- ☐ ECON 171 or ECON 184

Innovative Learning Requirement (1 course required)

- ☐ Complete at least one course marked as 'innovative'

Note: COAS Special Requirements courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Economics Major Requirements (33 Credits / 11 Courses)

Core Required Courses (18 Credits / 6 Courses)

- ☐ **ECON 001** - Principles of Economics I (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 002** - Principles of Economics II (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 170** – Intermediate Microeconomics (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 171** – Intermediate Microeconomics Theory (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 180 –** Statistics-Bus & Econ (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 184** – Introductions to Econometrics (3 credits)

Economics Electives (15 Credits/ 5 Course)

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Free Electives

- **Credits needed to reach 120 credits**

Sample Degree Progress Checklist

Always consult with your academic advisor for personalized guidance

First Year: Fall Semester (15 Credits / 6 Courses)

- [ ] FRSM 001 - Freshman Seminar (1 credit)
- [ ] ENGW 101/102/104 - First Year Writing I (3 credits)
- [ ] ECON 001 Principles of Economics I (3 credits)
- [ ] Humanities Course (3 credits)
- [ ] MATH 005 or higher (3-4 credits)
- [ ] HHPL Course (2 credits)

First Year: Spring Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] ENGW 103/105 - First Year Writing II (3 credits)
- [ ] African American Cluster Course (3 credits)
- [ ] ECON 002 Principles of Economics II (3 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language I (3 credits)
- [ ] Humanities Course - (3 credits)

Second Year: Fall Semester (15-16 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] ECON 170 Intermediate Microeconomics (3 credits)
- [ ] General Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Natural Science (3 credits)
- [ ] MATH 026 Applied Calculus (4 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language II (3 credits)

Second Year: Spring Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] ECON 171 – Intermediate Microeconomics Theory (3 credits)
- [ ] Social Science (3 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language III (3 credits)
- [ ] General Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Natural Science Course - (3 credits)

Third Year: Fall Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] ECON 184 Introductions to Econometrics (3 credits)
- [ ] ECON Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] 3rd Writing Course (3 credits)
- [ ] General Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Free /Minor Elective (3 credits)

Third Year: Spring Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] ECON 180 Statistics- Bus & Econ (3 credits)
- [ ] ECON Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] General Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] COMM 101 – Principles of Speech (3 credits)
- [ ] Free /Minor Elective (3 credits)

Fourth Year: Fall Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] ECON Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Experiential Learning - (if not completed)
- [ ] ECON Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Free /Minor Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Free /Minor Elective (3 credits)

Fourth Year: Spring Semester (12+ Credits / 4+ Courses)

- [ ] ECON Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Free /Minor Elective (3-6 credits)
- [ ] Free Elective (credits needed to reach 120)
- [ ] Innovative Learning Course (if not completed)
- [ ] Complete Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- [ ] Free Electives (needed credits to reach 120)
- [ ] Apply for graduation

Key Requirements

- **Minimum Major GPA:** 2.0
- **Credits in Economics:** 33 minimum (15 core + 3 methods + 15 electives)
- **Foreign Language:** 9 credits in the same language required
- **Mathematics:** 7-8 credits of MATH 005 or higher & Math 026
- **Residency:** Last 30 credits at Howard University
- **General Education:** Must span at least 4 different disciplines

Important Notes

- **Core Courses:** Complete all six core courses.
- **Foreign Language:** All 9 credits must be in the same language.
- **Minimum Minor GPA:** 2.0 **if declared** (15-18 credits in a different department)
- **Graduate Preparation:** Consider research opportunities and advanced coursework.
- Consult with your academic advisor each semester for course planning.

Resources

- **Academic Advisor:** Contact Office of Undergraduate Studies for assignment
- **Department Office:** Economics Department, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Experiential Learning:** Connect with the Career Center and department for internship opportunities
- **Graduate School Advising:** Meet with faculty advisors if considering graduate programs

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