Economics – 325000BA

The following information has official approval of the **Department of Economics**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your Academic Advisor.

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf.

1st Year	Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
	English Composition I Requirement (Note a)	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
	Speech/Oral Communication Requirement	3	
7700:101	Beginning Foreign Language I (Note b) **OR** American Sign Language I	4 **or** 3	
3450:145	*College Algebra* – (Notes c and d)	4	Appropriate placement by advisor **"C" or better required**
	Physical Education/Wellness Requirement	1	
Total		**14-15**	

1st Year	Spring Semester		
	English Composition II Requirement (Note a)	3	3300:111 or equivalent
7700:102	Beginning Foreign Language II (Note b) **OR** American Sign Language II	4 **or** 3	Beginning Foreign Language I **or** 7700:101
3250:200	*Principles of Microeconomics* (Notes e and g)	3	
3450:210 **or** 3450:215	Calculus with Business Applications (Note c) **OR** Concepts of Calculus	3 **or** 4	3450:145 or appropriate placement by advisor 3450:145 or appropriate placement by advisor
	Natural Science Requirement	4	
Total		**16-18**	

2nd Year	Fall Semester		
3250:201	Principles of Macroeconomics (Note g)	3	3250:200
3250:226	Computer Skills for Economic Analysis	3	3250:100, 3250:200 or 3250:244
7700:201	Intermediate Foreign Language I (Note b) **OR** American Sign Language III	3	Beginning Foreign Language II **or** 7700:102
3470:261	Introductory Statistics I	2	Appropriate placement by Advisor
3470:262	Introductory Statistics II	2	3470:261
3400:210 **or** 3400:221	*Humanities in the Western Tradition* **OR** *Humanities in the World Since 1300*	4	32 credits completed & 3300:111 or equivalent 32 credits completed & 3300:111 or equivalent
Total		**17**	

2nd Year	Spring Semester		
7700:202 7700:222	Intermediate Foreign Language II (Note b) **OR** American Sign Language IV **AND** Survey of Deaf Culture in America	3 **or** 3 2	Intermediate Foreign Language I **or** 7700:201 Sign Language students only
	Social Science Requirement (Note e)	3	
	Natural Science Requirement	4	
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
	Humanities Requirement	3	
Total		**15 - 17**	

3rd Year	Fall Semester		
3250:400	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3	3250:201, 3450:145 or equivalent
3250:xxx	Economics Electives (Note h)	6	
	Upper Level Electives (Note f)	3	
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
Total		**14**	

3rd Year	Spring Semester		
3250:410	Intermediate Microeconomics	3	3250:200, 3250:244, 3450:145 or equivalent
3250:xxx	Economics Department Elective (Note h)	3	
	Upper Level Elective Course (Note f)	3	
	Humanities Requirement	3	
3250:420	Applied Econometrics	3	3250:200, 3250:201, 3470:261, 3470:262
Total		**15**	

4th Year	Fall Semester		
3250:xxx	Economics Department Electives (Note h)	6	
	Upper Level Elective Course (Note f)	9-12	
Total		**15-18**	

4th Year	Spring Semester		
3250:496	Senior Project in Economics	2	3250:400, 3250:410, 3250:426
	OR	**or**	
3250:434	Labor Market Analysis and Evaluation	3	3250:410, 3250:426, 3250:430
	Upper Level Electives (Note f)	12-16	
Total		**14-19**	

	Minimum Credits for Degree	**128**	**DEGREE DISTRIBUTION:** Minimum upper level credits (excluding Gen. Education and workshops): **47** Department of Economics credits: **32** Elective credits: **12**

ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have completed your General Education English, Math, and Oral Communication (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

Director of the Economics programs and Department Chair – Dr. Michael Nelson, CAS 454, 330-972-7939 or nelson2@uakron.edu.

NOTES:

a. English Composition I, 3300:111 (English Composition I) or 3300:113 (African-American Language and Culture I) are the recommended classes to meet the General Education English Requirement. 2020:121 (English) fulfills the English Composition I requirement. English Composition II, 3300:112 (English Composition II) or 3300:114 (African-American Language and Culture II) are the recommended classes to meet the General Education English requirement. 2020:222 (Technical Report Writing) fulfills the English Composition II requirement.

b. Demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language is required. See your advisor for placement. Please note that all four semesters must be completed in the SAME language and it's recommended you begin your first language class as soon as possible.

c. **The Department of Economics requires that a student earn at least a "C" in 3450:145, College Algebra.** It is important that a student take the necessary pre-requisites in a timely manner. Analytical Geometry-Calculus I, 3450:221, is an acceptable option for 3450:210 or 3450:215.

d. The Department of Economics **RECOMMENDS** that a student be enrolled in or have already completed 3450:145, College Algebra, **prior to** enrollment in 3250:200, Principles of Microeconomics.

e. Social Science courses are a General Education requirement. Principles of Microeconomics, 3250:200, will fulfill 3 credits of this requirement. Please refer to the General Education guide or see your advisor regarding other acceptable courses of completion of this requirement.

f. Suggested Upper level (300/400) electives include courses in Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, History, Political Science, Geography, Computer Science, or business (pre-requisites must be honored). **See *department* advisor (Dr. Michael Nelson, CAS 454) for suggestions.** General electives can be any course not already required by your major and upper-level (300/400) electives can be any course in or outside your major excluding General education courses and workshops.

g. The following courses in economics are also required to complete the degree: Intermediate Microeconomics, 3250:410, Intermediate Macroeconomics, 3250:400, Applied Econometrics, 3250:426 and Labor Market Analysis and Evaluation, 3250:496, or Senior Project, 3250:496.

h. Students who wish to follow a particular career-oriented track in their economic electives can do so from the following lists. *Note that choosing a track is **not** required:* ***Business Career Track, Banking & International Track, Public Policy Track and Graduate School Track*** [**Note:** This track relates to professional degrees such as Law, MBA or Public Policy as well as Economics. Those wishing to become professional economists through graduate work in economics (MA or Ph.D.) are encouraged to take more calculus (e.g., 3450:221, 222, 223) and further mathematics (e.g., 3450:312).]

IN GENERAL:
Economics is the largest social science field. The future employment outlook is very promising. Increasingly, members of industry, business, and government are recognizing the problem-solving abilities of economic analysts.

In government, economists collect and analyze data and prepare studies on the state of the economy or on the need for changes in government policy. **Economics is also an excellent field of study for pre-law majors.**

For further details refer to the undergraduate handbook available in the Economics Office, CAS 454 or online at the Department of Economics' website: http://www.uakron.edu/economics.

JOB OPPORTUNTIES:
Please refer to the Department of Economics' website: http://www.uakron.edu/economics.

PLACEMENT:
A student is encouraged to check with his/her major department and with the Career Center, Student Union, 211, 330-972-7747, regarding employment opportunities in the field.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION:
Co-ops and internships (with academic credit) are available on an optional basis in this academic program. To obtain additional information on program benefits, eligibility requirements or to apply for the program, contact the co-op staff in the Career Center, Student Union, 211. **Co-op is highly recommended!**

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:

- ✓ a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ a major GPA of 2.0 or better (includes transfer coursework until 30 credits are earned at UA)
- ✓ 30 credits completed including both required English composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics that meets the General Education requirement

A student can arrange their inter-college transfer through an appointment with his/her advisor in the Center for Academic Advising & Student Success, Simmons 205, (330) 972-7430, or Center for Academic Advising & Student Success, Simmons 301, (330) 972-5723 or College of Applied Science and Technology, Polsky 301, (330) 972-7220, depending upon the advising office in which they reside.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:
Degree requirements in Arts and Sciences include the demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language or sign language and a minimum of 47 credits (excluding workshops and General Education courses) consisting of either:

- Upper-level (300/400) courses both in and outside the student's major
- Any courses outside the major department as specified in and approved by the student's major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment) except workshops and General Education courses