Bachelor of Science in Labor Economics 325001BST

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
	Natural Science Requirement	4	
	Speech/Oral Communication Requirement	3	
3450:145	*College Algebra* (Notes c & d)	4	Appropriate placement by advisor **"C" or better required**
	Physical Education/Wellness Requirement	1	
Total		**15**	

1st Year	Spring Semester		
	English Composition II Requirement (Note a)	3	3300:111 or equivalent
3250:200	*Principles of Microeconomics* (Notes b, c & f)	3	
3450:210 **or** 3450:215	Calculus with Business Applications **OR** Concepts of Calculus I (Note d)	3 **or** 4	3450:145 or appropriate placement by advisor 3450:145 or appropriate placement by advisor
	Social Science Requirement (Note b)	3	
	General Elective (Note g)	3	
Total		**15-16**	

2nd Year	Fall Semester		
3250:201	Principles of Macroeconomics (Note f)	3	3250:200
3250:226	Computer Skills for Economic Analysis	3	3250:100 or 3250:200 or 3250:244
3470:261	Introductory Statistics I	2	
3470:262	Introductory Statistics II	2	
3400:210 **or** 3400:221	*Humanities in the Western Tradition* **OR** *Humanities in the World Since 1300*	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent 32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
Total		**14**	

2nd Year	Spring Semester		
3250:xxx	Economics Department Elective	3	
	Upper Level Elective Course (Note g)	3	
	Natural Science Requirement	4	
	Humanities Requirement	3	
	General Elective (Note g)	3	
Total		**16**	

3rd Year	Fall Semester		
3250:410	Intermediate Microeconomics (Note e)	3	3250:200 or 3250:244 and College Algebra
3250:xxx	Economics Department Elective	3	
	Upper Level Elective Courses (Note g)	6	
	General Elective (Note g)	3	
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
Total		**17**	

3rd Year	Spring Semester

3250:330	Labor Economics	3	
3250:426	Applied Econometrics	3	3250:200/201 and 3470:260/261
	Upper Level Social Science Elective (Note b)	3	
	General Elective (Note g)	3	
	Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
	Humanities Requirement	3	
Total		**17**	

4th Year	**Fall Semester**		
3250:430	Labor Market and Social Policy	3	3250:200 and 201
3250:xxx	Economics Department Elective	3	
	Upper Level Electives (Note g)	6	
	Upper Level Social Science Elective (Note b)	3	
Total		**15**	

4th Year	**Spring Semester**		
3250:434	Labor Market Analysis and Evaluation	3	3250:410, 426 and 430
	Upper Level Electives (Note g)	6	
	Upper Level Social Science Elective (Note b)	3	
	General Elective (Note g)	6	
Total		**18**	

Completion of a Foreign Language is NOT required for the degree in Labor Economics

	Minimum Credits for Degree	**128**	**DEGREE DISTRIBUTION:** Minimum upper level credits: **47** Economics department credits: **33** Economic elective credits: **9** **Minimum GPA, cumulative and major: 2.0**

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.

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. Social Science courses are required. Principles of Microeconomics, 3250:200, fulfills 3 credits of this requirement. Please refer to the General Education Guide or see your advisor regarding acceptable courses to fulfill the rest of this requirement; however, because the degree in Labor Economics requires 9 semester credits of 300/400 level courses in History, Geography, Computer Science, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy, Anthropology or Business***** (pre-requisites must be honored), the student should be careful to choose an appropriate 100/200 level social science class so as to meet the required pre-requisite requirement for the upper-division social science classes. ***Students are encouraged to consider the new MBA minor offered through the College of Business Administration to fulfill this requirement. Also, since the 9 elective credits of 300/400 level courses will most likely be completed in the junior/senior years, the student should complete all required pre-requisites for any of the above-listed electives during the first two years.**

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

d. 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 any necessary math prerequisites in a timely manner. Analytical Geometry-Calculus I, 3450:221, is an acceptable option for the 3450:210/215 options.

e. Intermediate Microeconomics, 3250:410, is required along with the following courses: Labor Economics, 3250:333, Applied Econometrics, 3250:426, Labor Market and Social Policy, 3250:430, and Labor Market Analysis and Evaluation, 3250:434.

f. Students may not receive credit for both 3250:244 Introduction to Economic Analysis and 3250:200/201; however, those students who have completed 3250:244 are *not* required to take 3250:200/201 before beginning upper division work. 3250:100, Introduction to Economics, *cannot* be used to satisfy the requirements for a major or minor in economics.

g. Free 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.

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IN GENERAL:
The BSLE is a focused program relating to issues involving human resources from the analysis of wages and labor markets to the investigation of social policy problems such as health, education and discrimination. For further details, please refer to the undergraduate handbook available in the Economics Office, CAS 454, or online at the Economics Department's website: http://www.uakron.edu/economics.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:
Please refer to the Department of Economics' website: http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/artscie/depts/econ. A student is also 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.

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

Students can arrange inter-college transfers through an appointment with their academic advisor; advisor contact information is listed in "My Akron."

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

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