Apply to the Economics Major

How to Apply?

The following materials and criteria are required for a complete application to the Department of Economics:

1. **Admission to the University of Washington.** Eligible applicants must be accepted and be current UW students. For more information about admission to the UW as a first-year student or transfer student, see [here](https://econ.washington.edu).
2. **Completion of the Prerequisite Courses.** Please check [major requirements](https://econ.washington.edu) for a list of the prerequisite courses for each major. These courses must be completed with a standard/numerical grade. Credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced Level (A-Level) exam scores are acceptable. Prerequisite courses may not be in-progress at the time of applying. (Each course may only be repeated one time each. The higher of the two grades may entered on the application, and will be considered.)
3. **A completed Undergraduate Program Application (PDF) form.** Incomplete forms will not be considered. Please download and read all form instructions carefully.
4. **Updated UW Transcript.** Unofficial Transcripts may be printed from the Academics tab of your MyUW. Please use the “printer-friendly” format. (Official Transcripts are not required.) If you need additional help accessing your UW Unofficial Transcript, [click here](https://econ.washington.edu) for detailed instructions.
5. **Transfer students:** If any of your transfer credits from another institution(s) do not appear on your UW transcript, please include an unofficial transcript from your other institution(s). Official transcripts are not required.
6. **Personal Statement.** See the personal statement prompt below.
7. **Academic Course Planning Worksheet or Printer-Friendly Version of MyPlan.** For those planning to pursue a double major or double degree, please submit an Academic Course Planning Worksheet (PDF). If you prefer, you may submit a printout of your MyPlan, showing your quarterly plans. Please be sure to take note of the UW's Satisfactory Progress Policies.
8. **Completion of the RTW Assessment.** Please see RTW Assessment website for details. The students applying from the Bachelor of Arts to the Bachelor of Science do not need to retake the RTW, and may have their previous RTW score considered, if preferred. RTW scores will be reported directly to the Department of Economics, and students do not need to supply their RTW score on their applications.

Submit the complete application packet in person to the Department of Economics (305 Savery Hall).

When to Apply?

You may apply during the Autumn Quarter, Winter Quarter, or Spring Quarter admission cycles.

Applications are due no later than 5pm on the second Friday of the quarter.

Applicants will be notified of their results by the end of the 5th week of the quarter, in time to register for the subsequent quarter.

You may refer to the [UW Academic Calendar](https://econ.washington.edu) to identify when the quarter begins and when the application deadline will be.

Admissions: By the Numbers

The Department of Economics is a capacity-constrained major. Meeting the basic criteria does not guarantee admission to the major.

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<th>Admission Cycle</th>
<th>% of Applicants Admitted</th>
<th>Average Prerequisite GPA for Admits</th>
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Winter 2016  64%  3.54  3.50  3.76
Spring 2016  67%  3.52  3.48  3.79
Autumn 2016  63%  3.52  3.50  3.77
Winter 2017  62%  3.48  3.50  3.57
Spring 2017  54%  3.50  3.51  3.65

(These GPAs are averages, not cutoffs; roughly half of the students accepted to the major in Winter 2017 had prerequisite and overall GPAs lower than 3.48 and 3.50, respectively. Please be aware that the admissions committee considers many factors when making its decisions, including cumulative GPA, prerequisite GPA, RTW score, the overall strength of the applicant’s academic background/transcript, and the quality of the applicant’s personal statement.)

The Personal Statement

Please submit a 300-500 word (one-page, one-sided) personal statement with your completed application. The Admissions Committee suggests you spend your time discussing some or all of the following that pertains to you:

- Why are you interested in the Department of Economics? What are your personal, educational, and/or career goals and how do you expect to further those by studying economics? What led you to apply to this major? If you are pursuing a double major or double degree, why are both majors important to your goals?
- Please let the committee know if there are any circumstances that you feel the committee should know that has affected your grades/transcript.
- Describe an experience with diversity or adversity that has had a profound effect on you.
- If you have previously applied to the Economics major, what has improved since your previous application?

The Personal Statement is an important piece of your application. Please be sure to address the prompt, and adhere to the parameters. UW has plenty of resources that can help you write a great personal statement:

- Odegaard Writing & Research Center
- The Writing Center at The Center for Learning & Undergraduate Enrichment (CLUE)
- The Writing Center at the Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity Instructional Center (OMA/D IC)
- Center for Experiential Learning & Diversity Personal Statement Writing Workshops (EXPD)

Tutoring Resources

There are a number a tutoring resources available at the UW for courses such as ECON 200, ECON 201, introductory statistics and calculus.

- Economics Tutoring Resources
- Math Study Center
- Statistics Tutor & Study Center

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