

FINANCIAL ECONOMICS - BS

Studying financial economics at St. Catherine University will challenge students to explore personal finance, corporate finance and public finance. This major prepares students for a career in the financial sector (banking, insurance, corporate finance, investment, trusts) or securities analysis. A combination of economics and accounting courses provides the foundation for students to develop analytical skills to enter the corporate or public sector with a solid finance background and strong decision-making capabilities to lead and influence.

Financial economics is a popular choice as a double major for accounting students. Adding a financial economics major will prepare students to take their accounting skills into other parts of the corporate structure. Courses in financial economics are also very relevant for those who plan to sit for CPA or actuarial exams.

Qualified financial economics seniors have the opportunity to apply for the program allowing seniors to take graduate level courses in the Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) program or the Master in Business Administration (MBA) program and enroll in up to 12 credits. These courses serve as electives in the undergraduate program while simultaneously applying to a graduate degree or certificate. Contact the College for Women admissions office for an application.

Outside of the classroom, our department works to provide all students with opportunities to enhance their St. Kate's experience and increase the value they bring to organizations after graduation. Students can attend events hosted by the Minnesota Center for Diversity in Economics, such as "Socialism vs. Capitalism" or "The Economics of Immigration." Economics Club is an outlet for students to engage with other passionate peers and local events. For example, students organize an annual trip to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Moreover, students can gain practical experience through an internship in their major's field. Students majoring in financial economics have interned at large and small corporations in the Twin Cities area, including KPMG, Wells Fargo, 3M, Lucent Technologies, Green Tree Financial, Baird, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Career opportunities in financial economics are very good and will remain strong in the future, especially for women with solid quantitative backgrounds. If students are interested in translating their talents in mathematics and business into a career, a financial economics major can prove very lucrative. Graduates have accepted jobs at institutions such as Wells Fargo, the Royal Bank of Canada, Retek Corporation, Merrill Lynch, St. Paul Travelers, Ecolab and First Bank. Some alumnae continue on to graduate programs in economics, or business administration.

See also: Economics (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/econ-poli-sci/economics-ba-bs/>), International Business and Economics (<http://catalog.stkate.edu/undergraduate/humanities-arts-sciences/econ-poli-sci/intl-business-economics-ba-bs/>)

This major is offered in the College for Women only.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 1090	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	4
ECON 2012 or CARR 2010	Personal Financial Fitness	4

Choose two from:	8
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues
ECON 2610	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 2620	Principles of Macroeconomics

Choose two from:		8
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills	
ECON 4150	Econometrics	
ECON 3994	Topics: Methods and Modeling for Economics, Finance and Anyalytics	
ECON 3350	Public Finance	4

Choose one from:		4
ECON 3170	Discrimination and Disparities: The Economics and Politics of Race and Gender	
ECON 3450W	Haves and Have Nots: Development, Poverty, and Inequality	
ECON 3480W	International Economics: Trade and Immigration	
POSC 3150	Women and Globalization	
ECON 3650	Cost-Benefit Analysis	4
ECON 4604	Internship	4
ECON 4850	Theory to Action	4
Choose one of the following:		4
BUSI 3900W	Social Entrepreneurship	
NPSO 3050	Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations	
ACCT 2110	Financial Accounting	
ACCT 2130	Managerial Accounting	

Total Credits 48

NOTE: ECON 3610 Microeconomic Theory or ECON 3620 Macroeconomic Theory can substitute for any upper-division ECON course.

Financial economics majors satisfy the Writing Requirement for Majors by completing ECON 3450W Haves and Have Nots: Development, Poverty, and Inequality and ECON 3480W International Economics: Trade and Immigration. They complete the Liberal Arts and Sciences Core Writing Requirement with two other writing-intensive courses (CORE 1000W The Reflective Woman and CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice).

The Financial Economics major can be completed in four years or two years. Both programs of study are provided below.

Four-Year Plan

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Term		
ECON 1090	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	4
Select one of the following:		4
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	
ECON 2610	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 2620	Principles of Macroeconomics	
Spring Term		
Select one of the following:		4
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	
ECON 2610	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 2620	Principles of Macroeconomics	

Select one of the following:	4
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills
ECON 3994	Topics
ECON 4150	Econometrics
Fall Term	
Select one of the following:	4
ACCT 2110	Financial Accounting
ACCT 2130	Managerial Accounting
BUSI 3900W	Social Entrepreneurship
NPSO 3050	Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations
Spring Term	
ECON 2012	Personal Financial Fitness
or CARR 2010	Personal Financial Fitness
Select one of the following:	4
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills
ECON 3994	Topics
ECON 4150	Econometrics
Fall Term	
ECON 3350	Public Finance
Spring Term	
Select one of the following:	4
ECON 3170	Discrimination and Disparities: The Economics and Politics of Race and Gender
ECON 3450W	Haves and Have Nots: Development, Poverty, and Inequality
ECON 3480W	International Economics: Trade and Immigration
POSC 3150	Women and Globalization
Fall Term	
ECON 3650	Cost-Benefit Analysis
ECON 4604	Internship
Spring Term	
ECON 4850	Theory to Action
Total Credits	48

Two-Year Plan

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Term		
ECON 1090	Statistical Analysis for Decision Making	4
Select one of the following:		4
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	
ECON 2610	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 2620	Principles of Macroeconomics	
Select one of the following:		4
ACCT 2110	Financial Accounting	
ACCT 2130	Managerial Accounting	
BUSI 3900W	Social Entrepreneurship	
NPSO 3050	Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations	
Spring Term		
ECON 2012	Personal Financial Fitness	4

or CARR 2010	Personal Financial Fitness
Select one of the following:	4
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues
ECON 2610	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 2620	Principles of Macroeconomics
Select one of the following:	4
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills
ECON 3994	Topics
ECON 4150	Econometrics
Fall Term	
ECON 3350	Public Finance
ECON 4604	Internship
Select one of the following:	4
ECON 3170	Discrimination and Disparities: The Economics and Politics of Race and Gender
ECON 3450W	Haves and Have Nots: Development, Poverty, and Inequality
ECON 3480W	International Economics: Trade and Immigration
POSC 3150	Women and Globalization
Spring Term	
ECON 3650	Cost-Benefit Analysis
ECON 4850	Theory to Action
Select one of the following:	4
ECON 3050	Quantitative Impact Evaluation: Applied Research Skills
ECON 3994	Topics
ECON 4150	Econometrics
Total Credits	48