

FINANCIAL ECONOMICS (AS)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/financial-economics-as.cfm>)

College: College of Business, Economics, and Computing

The associate of science degree with a major in financial economics is designed for students who are interested in acquiring a solid understanding of financial and monetary economics and the ability to apply tools of economic analysis to the workings of the financial and banking sectors of the economy. The program consists of 64-68 credits that includes university skills requirements, general education requirements, an ethnic diversity requirement, and the program-specific requirements.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. AS-FE graduates will be able to evaluate the implications of economic scarcity in the context of resource allocation, production, and consumption and various economic institutions (aligns with Reasoned Judgment).
2. AS-FE graduates will be able to apply tools of macroeconomics and financial economics to analyze and explain macroeconomic policies and phenomena (aligns with Reasoned Judgment). Objectives: Students can construct and apply macroeconomic models and analytical tools to explain relationships among macroeconomic and financial variables and institutions and to evaluate solutions to problems in macroeconomics and financial economics. Students can analyze and work effectively with macroeconomic and financial data.
3. AS-FE students can compare and evaluate the consequences of and the tradeoffs resulting from economic scarcity in the context of macroeconomic variables and financial markets.

Requirements for the A.S. in Financial Economics

To complete this degree program students must complete all required courses and earn a minimum cumulative degree grade point average of 2.00 overall and a minimum grade point average of 2.25 in economics courses. Transfer students must attain a minimum of 2.25 in transfer courses applied to the economics course requirements as well as UW-Parkside economics courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Basic Skills Requirements		
<i>English/Writing Skills Courses</i>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading ¹	3
ENGL 204	Writing for Business and Industry	3
<i>Computational and Quantitative Skills Courses</i>		
MATH 104 or MATH 111	College Mathematics with Applications College Algebra I	4-5
QM 110	Applied Quantitative Analysis in Business	3
QM 210	Business Statistics I	3
<i>Business and Technology Skills Courses</i>		
BUS 100	Introduction to Business ²	3
CSCI 105	Introduction to Computers ²	3
ACCT 201	Financial Accounting	3
Basic Skills Requirements Subtotal		25-26

General Education Requirements		
<i>Humanities and the Arts Courses</i>		
Select four courses from three different departments ^{3,4}		12
<i>Social and Behavioral Sciences Courses</i>		
Select one course from departments other than ECON or BUS ^{3,5}		3
<i>Natural Sciences Courses</i>		
Select three courses from two different departments other than CSCI ^{3,6}		9
<i>Ethnic Diversity Course</i>		
Select one course that carries "DV" credit ^{3,7}		0-3
General Education Requirements Subtotal		24-27
Economics Requirements		
ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics ²	3
ECON 121	Principles of Macroeconomics ²	3
ECON 321	Intermediate Macro Theory	3
ECON 366	Money and Banking	3
ECON 367	Financial Institutions and Markets	3
Economics Requirements Subtotal		15
Total Credits		64-68

- ¹ These courses fulfill the university skills requirements.
- ² These courses count toward general education requirements for UW-Parkside.
- ³ Check the course schedule and work with your advisor to find courses that fulfill your general education and/or ethnic diversity requirements.
- ⁴ COMM 105 Public Speaking for the 21st Century Public Speaking is highly recommended.
- ⁵ Required courses BUS 100 Introduction to Business, ECON 120 Principles of Microeconomics and ECON 121 Principles of Macroeconomics fulfill part of this requirement.
- ⁶ Required course CSCI 105 Introduction to Computers fulfills part of this requirement.
- ⁷ A general education course may also be used to satisfy this requirement.

How credits count:

Courses can count for multiple requirements such as a program requirement and a general education requirement but, the credits only count once. Therefore, depending on how many courses are chosen that fulfill both program and general education requirements, students may be required to take additional elective courses (from those not already taken in areas above) to reach the required minimum of 60 credits for an associate degree.

Depth, two-course sequence requirement:

The University of Wisconsin system has a requirement that each associate degree program must contain at least one two-course sequence in which the first course provides the foundation for the second course. The courses under economics requirements in this program fulfill this requirement.