Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Economics

Why study economics?
Because it will give you the tools you need to understand our increasingly interconnected world.

Economics Majors
The economics department offers 3 degrees.

- The B.A. or B.G.S. major in economics is designed for the majority of students who will go on to professional graduate schools or into the workforce.
- The Bachelor of Science degree in economics is designed for the student interested in going to graduate school in economics or a closely related field. It requires the minimum amount of preparation in economics and mathematics required to be successful in graduate study. Students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in economics are strongly urged to double major in economics and mathematics.

First- and Second-Year Preparation
Students considering an economics major should enroll in ECON 142 (or ECON 143) Principles of Microeconomics or ECON 144 (or ECON 145) Principles of Macroeconomics no later than the end of the sophomore year. Students should also have completed at least 1 course in the calculus sequence (MATH 115 or MATH 121) by the end of the sophomore year.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major

Economics Core Knowledge and Skills (15)
Majors must complete a course in each of the following areas:

- Principles of Microeconomics. Satisfied by:
  - ECON 142 Principles of Microeconomics 3
  - or ECON 143 Principles of Microeconomics, Honors

- Principles of Macroeconomics. Satisfied by:
  - ECON 144 Principles of Macroeconomics 3
  - or ECON 145 Principles of Macroeconomics, Honors

- Microeconomics. Satisfied by:
  - ECON 520 Microeconomics 3
  - or ECON 521 Microeconomics Honors

- Macroeconomics. Satisfied by:
  - ECON 522 Macroeconomics 3
  - or ECON 523 Macroeconomics Honors

- Introduction to Econometrics. Satisfied by:
  - ECON 526 Introduction to Econometrics 3
  - or ECON 715 Elementary Econometrics

Economics Required Electives (6)
Majors must complete 2 courses (6 hours) in economics outside of the core courses at the 500-level or above.

Economics Required Capstone Elective Courses (9)
Majors must complete 3 courses (9 hours) in economics outside of the core courses at the 600-level or above.

Major Hours & Major GPA
While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

- Major Hours
  Satisfied by 30 hours of major courses.

- Major Hours in Residence
  Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.
  (At least 3 of the required elective courses must be taken from the KU Department of Economics.)

- Major Junior/Senior Hours
  Satisfied by a minimum of 24 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. At least 9 hours of the required elective courses must be taken from the KU Department of Economics.)

- Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA
  Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

- Major Junior/Senior Major Attempts
  Summary includes Economics junior/senior (300+) hours attempted, including F's and incompletes.

A sample 4-year plan for the BA degree in Economics here: Economics (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/economics/ba-bgs/ba-economics), or by using the left-side navigation.

Sample 4-year plans for the BGS and BS degrees in Economics can be found by using the left-side navigation.

Departmental Honors
Graduation with honors in economics is limited to undergraduate majors who have fulfilled these requirements:

1. Completed all economics major requirements and achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or above in all economics courses and an overall average of 3.25 or above at the time of graduation.
2. Completed ECON 497 Senior Research Honors.
3. Submitted and defended a research paper before at least 3 faculty members of the Department of Economics.

Honors candidates should consult the department honors coordinator before enrolling the first semester of the senior year and file a declaration of intent form with the coordinator at that time.