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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including chemistry or physics*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Major Requirements

- 19 credits Economics Core
- 27 credits Concentration or Professional Electives
- 10/12 credits Quantitative Skills
- 9 credits Communication Skills
- 18 credits Humanities & Social Sciences
- 11 credits Sciences
- 24/26 credits Electives

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

College of Natural Sciences, Forestry & Agriculture

Program Description

A B.S. degree in Economics prepares students for careers or graduate school. Graduates from the Economics program help businesses and agencies by applying their economics and other skills. The core Economics degree focuses on coursework in economics. Defined concentrations in the program include:

- Agribusiness Management
- Equine Business Management
- International
- Pre-Law
- Recreation Business Management
- Resource & Environmental Economics & Policy

The School of Economics is comprised of 18 faculty who teach the School's courses and who serve as advisors to assist students in planning their program and advise on careers or graduate school. The School has scholarship funds available for students with high grades and who qualify for financial aid (on a needs basis).

Career Opportunities

Graduates with a B.S. in Economics find employment in firms and agencies where their knowledge and skills are immediately valuable. Employment opportunities for graduates exist in both the public and private sectors. Recent graduates have accepted managerial and marketing positions with firms in manufacturing, processing, and distribution, and in the financial and credit sectors of the economy. Natural resources and conservation-oriented state and federal agencies offer career opportunities for these graduates as well. Some students after graduation have pursued graduate studies in business administration, economics, resource economics, agricultural economics, public policy and law.

General Education Requirements*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
 - Western Cultural Tradition
 - Social Context & Institutions
 - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
 - Population & the Environment
 - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 6 credits Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)
- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

**All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Extracurricular Activities

Many students in the Economics degree participate in departmental sponsored extracurricular activities including the Economics Club, the UMaine Dressage Club, in addition to several others hosted by the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture and the University of Maine.

Graduate Study

Graduates with a degree in Economics have traditionally done well in graduate education programs. The University of Maine offers a M.S. degree in Resource Economics and Policy, as well as M.S. degrees in Economics, Financial Economics and Resource Economics and Policy.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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