Department of Economics, Northern Illinois University
Major Requirements for B.S. with an Emphasis in Financial Economics

**University Core Requirements**

- 120 total credit hours
- 40 hours 300/400 upper level credit
- 2.0 Minimum Cumulative GPA

PLUS General Education Framework

Foundational Studies
- ENGL 103 & ENGL 203 or ENGL 204
- COMS 100 - Fundamentals of Oral Communication

See Catalog – Quantitative Literacy Requirement

**Economics Core Requirements**

(Micro/Macro order does not matter)

- ECON 260 (3) – Principles of Micro
- ECON 261 (3) – Principles of Macro
- ECON 360 (3) – Intermediate Micro
- ECON 361 (3) – Intermediate Macro
- ECON 290 (1) or OMIS 324/STAT 324X

- 2.0 Minimum Major GPA
- 2.0 B.S. Sequence GPA

Degree Options include Departmental Honors and Teacher’s Certification. For information regarding Departmental Honors, see your Undergraduate Advisor in the Department of Economics. For information on Teacher’s Certification, see the Department of History’s Office of Teacher Certification.

**Economics B.S. Requirements**

B.S. Sequence - Option 2 (15)

- MATH 229 (4)
- MATH 230 (4)
- STAT 300 (3)
- CSCI 240 (4)

Basic Econometrics & Lab:
- ECON 390 & 390A (4)

Economics courses at the 300/400 level (18):

1. ECON 340 Financial Economics (3)
2. ECON 393 Intro to Math Methods in Econ (3)
3. ECON 442 Intro to Financial Engineering (3)
4. ECON 490 Econ Stats and Econometrics (3)
5. ECON Elective 300/400 Level (3)
6. ECON 492 Research Method in Econ (3)b

Also recommended is Econ 484 Financial Derivatives (3), which has a prerequisite of STAT 483 or consent of the Department of Economics.

b The capstone research paper may also be written in conjunction with a 400-level economics course. Students choosing this option should meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies for approval and guidelines.