International Business and Economics at Benedictine University

Why study international business and economics at Benedictine?
When you choose to major in International Business and Economics at Benedictine University, you will benefit from:

- Studying under qualified faculty who hold doctorates or appropriate higher degrees in their field.
- A nurturing and supportive atmosphere on a beautiful suburban campus in the high-tech business corridor of DuPage County.
- The opportunity to gain practical work experience by taking part in an internship in a foreign country or with a multinational corporation in the United States, a nonprofit organization or with a government agency.
- Participating in a program that has a tradition of success in preparing students for careers and graduate school.
- Participating in study abroad and exchange programs.
- A network of alumni working worldwide.

What does a degree in International Business and Economics at Benedictine offer?
The International Business and Economics program offers you a combined liberal arts and business education with an international focus. When you major in International Business and Economics at Benedictine University, you will:

- Become knowledgeable in international marketing, finance, trade and economics, a foreign language, history, international organizations, international relations and law.
- Be introduced to the cultural and socioeconomic background of international business practices.
- Learn the skills needed to carry out business activities in the United States and abroad through the study of economics and accounting.

Students, usually in their junior year, will have the opportunity to study abroad in an established program and receive credit for the coursework they complete. Benedictine University has exchange programs with universities in Mexico, Spain, France, Japan and Denmark. Benedictine also has agreements with the Institute for Study Abroad and the American Institute for Foreign Study. These independent organizations allow Benedictine University to expand students’ opportunities to study abroad in areas such as South America, Asia, Eastern Europe and Australia. The International Business and Economics Department also offers short-term study abroad programs each spring.

Students who choose to concentrate in International Business and Economics in Asia will be exposed to the various challenges business leaders face in conducting business in Asia and gain knowledge of the basic functions of international business with an area of expertise in Asia. As part of the concentration, students are required to arrange a study abroad experience in an Asian country.

What careers are available with an International Business and Economics degree?
Career opportunities for students who study international business and economics are numerous since many companies in the United States have overseas operations.

Jobs in export, import, international marketing, production, finance and banking are increasing, and foreign companies are operating in the United States at an accelerated rate. Jobs in government agencies and nonprofit organizations are also plentiful. Graduates of the International Business and Economics program at Benedictine University have a tradition of success in obtaining employment in their chosen field, and many have pursued graduate studies upon completion of their undergraduate program or through their places of employment.
Recommended Program

Bachelor of Arts in International Business and Economics

Benedictine University recently reformed its undergraduate curriculum and implementation begins in Fall 2014. This recommended program of study is an example only and subject to change.

FRESHMAN

- Writing Colloquium 3
- Finite Mathematics or College Algebra 3
- Religious Studies Core elective 3
- Life Science Core elective 3
- Modern Language or Cultural Studies 3
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- Research Writing 3
- Speech Communication 3
- Business Calculus 3
- Microeconomics 3
- Modern Language or Cultural Studies 3
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SOPHOMORE

- Accounting I 3
- Macroeconomics 3
- Statistics I 3
- Modern Language or Cultural Studies 3
- Mediterranean World (HUMN 220) 3
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- Anthropology 3
- International History 3
- Modern Language or Cultural Studies 3
- Philosophy (General Ethics) 3
- Baptism of Europe (HUMN 230) 3
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JUNIOR*

- International Business electives (300 level) 6
- Modern Language or Cultural Studies 3
- Elective 3
- Converging Hemispheres (HUMN 240) 3
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- Price Theory and Application 3
- International Business Elective (300 level) 3
- Modern Language or Cultural Studies 3
- Introduction to International Political Science 3
- Elective 3
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SENIOR

- International Business elective (300 level) 3
- Electives 6
- Literature Core elective 3
- Fine Arts/Music Core elective 3
- Contemporary World (HUMN 250) 3
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- Physical Science Core elective 3
- International Political Science 3
- Global Strategic Management 3
- Electives 6
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* A study aboard experience is required, usually taken in the Junior year.

Internship M.B.A. 4+1 Program

Earn a graduate degree in approximately one year after earning your undergraduate degree with the Internship Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program developed specifically for students who wish to earn an M.B.A. degree immediately following an undergraduate degree. The Internship M.B.A. program provides a faculty advisor who guides students in locating internships. Acceptance into the program is determined individually for each student based on transcript grades. Course waivers or substitutions are not guaranteed. Typically, two years of work experience is required for the Internship M.B.A. with consideration of part-time employment given.