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AUS offers 26 majors and 45 minors at the undergraduate level and 14 graduate programs through the College of Architecture, Art and Design; the College of Arts and Sciences; the College of Engineering; and the School of Business Administration.

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Bachelor of Arts in Economics (BAE)
This program helps students develop the ability to formulate solutions for economic problems, conduct comparative analyses for alternate economic policies, analyze economic statistics and write attendant reports. Students who major in economics can pursue rewarding careers in private business, governmental agencies or non-profit organizations. Having a solid knowledge of economic theory and policy, students can also pursue graduate study in business, law, economics and other advanced professional degrees at internationally recognized universities.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)
In this program, students study the business core and complete a major in one of the following:

- Accounting
  This major prepares students for careers in accounting, financial management and consulting. Students will develop specific business competencies dealing with the financial management of private and public corporations. Students will be prepared for graduate study and to qualify for professional certification such as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation in the United States.

- Economics
  This major provides students with the theoretical foundation to apply economics to decision making and public policy in business and other organizations. From the common core of the intermediate theory courses in micro- and macroeconomics, students can branch out into several application areas in economics (such as international economics, industrial organization, money and banking, or Islamic economics) or pursue more advanced courses (such as managerial economics, econometrics or the senior economics seminar).

- Finance
  Students will develop the analytical tools and theoretical framework necessary to analyze and understand the financial and banking sectors. This major provides the essential tools for understanding investments, capital markets, corporate finance and banking. Students can also develop an understanding of global financial markets and the real estate sector. The finance program partners with the CFA Institute.

- Management
  This major offers professional training in the complex art of human resource management as it relates to corporate and organizational behavior in the business world. Students will learn about managing simultaneous complex tasks with the complications of the diversity in today’s global marketplace.

- Management Information Systems
  People depend on information to make decisions. To be useful, that information must be understandable, timely, thorough, focused and distributed to the right people. This is the challenge of management information systems (MIS). Students in MIS will acquire professional skills in the areas of computer systems, networks, communications and data analysis.

- Marketing
  This major covers the practical application of marketing concepts such as procedures for developing promotions, pricing of products, distribution channels and sales management strategies. Students can learn about market research using statistical analytical techniques and a variety of market programming methodologies. Also emphasized are interpersonal communication techniques and marketing concepts as they relate to strategic planning.
Master of Business Administration (MBA)

The MBA program prepares graduates for management roles in a world economy. Drawing on global business perspectives, students learn to integrate the latest business knowledge with practical problem-solving skills. Graduates are prepared to take on additional leadership responsibilities that will help their companies exploit new growth opportunities in the region. Concentrations are available in finance and human resource management.

Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)

This program is designed to provide students with advanced knowledge and techniques to pursue professional careers in public and private accounting and to develop the skills necessary to solve accounting problems that are of contemporary relevance to the fields of accounting, finance and other business areas. The MSA program allows students to meet the current 150-semester-hour education requirement to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination in all of the US states and territories. Students will have a competitive advantage to pass the CPA exam and be prepared for careers in professional accountancy.