



BACHELOR ECONOMICS

IN COOPERATION WITH BOKU VIENNA

Why this study program?

The Bachelor's Programme in Economics, developed in cooperation with BOKU Vienna, is designed as an analytically oriented programme that responds to labour market needs in the economic, agricultural, and agri-food sectors, as well as in territorial development and rural communities.

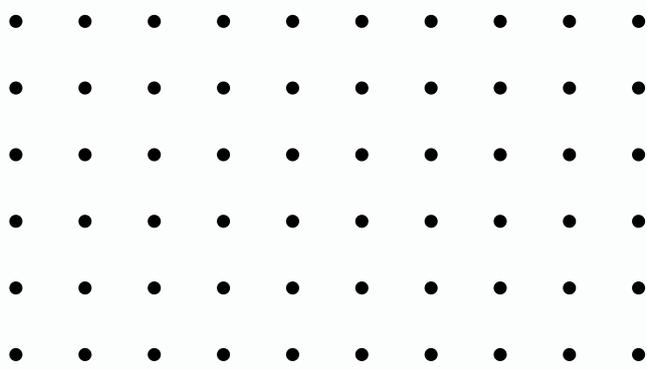
The programme provides an integrated theoretical and practical education with a focus on applied economics, emphasizing the understanding of economic development challenges, the design of sustainable development policies, and the analysis of agricultural markets and economic systems. With a curriculum harmonized with European standards, the programme strengthens the link between higher education and the labour market, preparing students for careers in the public and private sectors, NGOs, development agencies, and for the implementation of European policies for sustainable economic development.

Internationally recognized degree



Programme Description

The Bachelor's Programme in Economics provides integrated theoretical and practical training in economic sciences, with a special focus on agriculture, rural development, and sustainable economics. It is built on the principle of interdisciplinarity, combining economics, social sciences, technology, and natural sciences. The programme lasts three academic years (180 ECTS) and is offered by the Faculty of Economics and Agribusiness, Department of Economics and Rural Development Policies. Students are prepared for economic analysis, policymaking, and decision-making in both public and private sectors.



Graduate Profile / Professional Profile

Graduates in Economics develop analytical, interdisciplinary, and practical competencies and may work as:

- **Development economists** engaged in development analysis and policymaking
- **Economic or policy analysts** in public institutions and development agencies
- **Applied economics specialists** in the private sector, finance, or consultancy
- **Development project experts** in national and international organizations



Klaudia Vukzaj

General Directorate of Property Tax, Ministry of Finance

"I studied at the Agricultural University of Tirana and I recommend it because it offers a strong combination of theory and practice, labour-market-oriented programmes, dedicated staff, and real opportunities for professional development."



Sara Mira

Economist, AMG Ltd.

"My studies in Applied Economics at AUT provided me with in-depth knowledge of how economic systems function and strong analytical skills, which for the past three years I have applied as an economist in the private sector, developing sustainable competencies and building a successful professional profile."



Alba Tema

Project Manager, Albanian Rural Development Network

"My studies in Applied Economics equipped me with analytical skills to evaluate public policies in agriculture and rural development, linking theory with the realities of communities and supporting decision-making through evidence."



Saimir Tollia

PhD Candidate, IAMM Montpellier

"My studies in the MIDAS Master's programme and my PhD at IAMM Montpellier have provided me with advanced knowledge in agricultural economics and rural policies, enabling me to analyse the impacts of subsidy policies on farms, land, and employment, and to support decision-making with scientific evidence."

Key Competencies Acquired

Upon completion of the programme, students gain competencies in:

- Critical analysis and interpretation of major economic theories and their impact on economic development
- Evaluation of public policies using data and digital tools for informed decision-making
- Application of quantitative and qualitative methods for analysing economic phenomena at micro and macro levels
- Designing development strategies and analysing agricultural, rural, and environmental sectors

These skills are aligned with current and long-term labour market needs.

STUDY STRUCTURE

CORE COURSES

Principles of Economics
Basic Mathematics
Basic Statistics
Microeconomics and
Macroeconomics
Interdisciplinary subjects

SPECIALIZED COURSES

Advanced economic
analysis
Economic policy and rural
development
Climate change and smart
agriculture topics

ADDITIONAL COURSES

Precision agriculture
Automation
Environmental applications
Professional internship and
thesis

Teaching is delivered through interactive lectures, seminars, practical exercises, and laboratory work. The programme includes structured laboratory activities, research projects, and mandatory professional practice.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates may pursue careers in:

- Central and local public institutions, including ministries, municipalities, and development agencies
- International organizations and NGOs
- Private sector companies, financial institutions, and consultancy firms
- There is growing demand for economists with specialized competencies in the agri-food sector, rural development, public policy, and European integration.

Programme Information

Study Level

First cycle - Bachelor

Academic Degree

Bachelor in Economics

Duration

3 academic years / 6 semesters

Credits

180 ECTS

Study Mode

Full-time

Language of Instruction

Albanian / English

Enrollment Quota

126 students

Completion of studies

Final comprehensive exam / Bachelor's thesis



About AUT

The Agricultural University of Tirana was founded on November 1, 1951, and has been located in Kodër Kamëz since 1956. Since its establishment, it has been a pillar of agricultural education and research in Albania.

Today, AUT plays a key role in sustainable agriculture, food safety, and rural development, strengthening international cooperation through strategic partnerships, including with BOKU University in Vienna.



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FURTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES (MASTER'S DEGREE)

After graduation, students may continue to the second-cycle studies (Master's programmes) in: Circular Economy, Public Policy, Rural Development, Agribusiness, Finance, Related fields, both in Albania and abroad. The programme provides a strong theoretical and methodological foundation for academic advancement.

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