Through studying economics you will learn how individuals, businesses and governments make choices about using resources and how incentives influence these choices. Understanding economics will provide insight into historical trends, today’s headlines and tomorrow’s issues.

You will learn how economic thinking is applied to many areas. In microeconomics you’ll study individual decision making, while in macroeconomics you’ll study the nation’s GDP, unemployment rate, inflation and interest rates. You can focus your studies on particular sectors, such as financial, labor, international trade or public economics. With exposure to several areas and basic business skills, economics majors build a strong foundation for their careers.

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<td>The Economics Student Association brings together students with an interest in economics to promote economic education, to further economic knowledge, and to build a professional network among current members and alumni. The Department of Economics sponsors ECONference, an annual event showcasing student research.</td>
<td>Our programs offer research opportunities through independent study and undergraduate research courses, as well as internships. The department also requires completion of a capstone research paper to give our majors a hands-on experience conducting research on an economic topic.</td>
<td>Our undergraduates have excellent access to a distinguished faculty. Because we offer graduate programs at the masters and doctoral levels, our faculty consists of distinguished specialists in fields such as financial economics, public economics, labor economics, econometrics, and macroeconomics and monetary policy.</td>
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Internship Opportunities

Our department offers the opportunity to gain hands-on workforce experience by granting undergraduate credit for approved student internships.

You will need to submit an application for ECON 494: Internship in Economics.

Career Opportunities

Students who major in economics possess extremely important skills that are highly valued in today’s job market. Our students compete successfully for many entry-level professional positions in financial services, marketing, manufacturing, insurance, and real estate. In addition, some students choose to work in the public sector.

Some of the job titles held by economic majors include:
- Market analyst
- Micro economist
- Mutual Fund representative
- Real estate agent
- Risk analyst
- Urban planner
- Policy analyst
- Business forecaster
- Operations manager
- Research assistant
- Statistician
- And many more!

To some extent, all of these jobs require the analytical skills possessed by individuals with a background in economics.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of economists is expected to grow 20-30 percent in the near future due to the continued need for economic analysis.