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Economics BA

Nearly every decision which a person, business, or government makes involves trade-offs, and so, falls under the purview of economic analysis. In coursework for the Economics BA, students learn to think analytically and apply their knowledge to a broad range of topics such as property rights, environmental regulation, labor markets, and government regulation. Students also study the economy as a whole and explore the sources of growth, recessions, and inflation, as well as government policies designed to influence the economy. The study of economics is an excellent way to learn how to apply analytical skills to a range of interesting questions and problems.

Career Outlook

Most economics majors do not get jobs with the word "Economist" in the title. Economic majors do, however, have jobs in most industries including public policy, finance, healthcare, and web-based firms. They examine policy decisions, industry trends, pricing strategy, and market research. The analytic skill set obtained in economics provides majors with the opportunity to pursue a wide range of job opportunities.

Future Career Options

- Business Analyst
- Account Manager
- Product Manager
- Cloud Strategist
- Information Security Analyst
- Insurance Underwriter
- Financial Planner
- Financial Adviser
- Supply Chain Coordinator
- Lawyer

Skills developed by degree completion

- Understand fundamental economic concepts including choice and opportunity cost.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how markets work.
- Understand and evaluate individual, firm, and societal decision-making.
- Understand the determination of output, unemployment, and inflation in an economy.
- Explain the role and impact of fiscal and monetary policy.
- Learn to locate economic data and critically analyze patterns and relationships using basic statistical methods and statistical software.
- Apply economic models to analyze real world situations.
- Understand the US economy and its key institutions in a historical context.

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

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