



What Can I Do with a Major in **ECONOMICS**?

Economists apply economic analysis to issues within a variety of fields, such as education, health, development, and the environment. Some economists study the cost of products, healthcare, or energy. Others examine employment levels, business cycles, exchange rates, taxes, inflation, or interest rates.

Economists often study historical trends and use them to make forecasts. They research and analyze data using a variety of software programs, including spreadsheets, statistical analysis, and database management programs.

Typical Coursework

Economic History of the United States	Fundamentals of Accounting
Intermediate Microeconomics	Intermediate Macroeconomics
Econometrics	Investment Analysis
Managerial Economics	Money and Banking
Principles of Microeconomics	Principles of Macroeconomics
Public Finance	Statistics
Theories of Economic Development	Wage and Price Theory

Related Major Skills

Research and analyze economic issues	Design policies or make recommendations for solving economic problems
Conduct surveys and collect data	Write articles for publication in newsletters and academic journals
Analyze data using mathematical models and statistical techniques	Critical-thinking skills
Prepare reports, tables, and charts that present research results	Detail oriented
Interpret and forecast market trends	Math skills
Advise businesses, governments, and individuals on economic topics	Speaking skills

Who Hires for this Occupation?

More than half of all economists work in federal, state, and local government. Federal government economists collect and analyze data about the U.S. economy. They also project spending needs and inform policy makers on the economic impact of laws and regulations.

Many economists work for corporations and help them understand how the economy will affect their business. Specifically, economists may analyze issues such as consumer demand and sales to help a company maximize its profits. Economists also work for research firms and think tanks, where they study and analyze a variety of economic issues. Their analyses and forecasts are frequently published in newspapers and journal articles.

Related Occupations*

Econometricians
Financial Economists
Industrial Organization Economists
International Economists
Labor Economists
Monetary Economists

Public Finance Economists
Health Economists
Extension Economists
Resource Economists
Energy Economists
Agribusiness Economists

* Master's degree or Ph.D. is required for most economist jobs. Many who complete a bachelor's degree in economics find jobs outside the economics profession as research assistants, financial analysts, market analysts, and similar positions in business and finance.

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Tools for ongoing career and education exploration

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What Can I Do If I Majored In ...



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Minnesota Colleges and Universities with a Major in Economics

Augsburg University
Carleton College
Concordia College
Macalester College
St. John's University
St. Cloud State University
University of MN – Morris
Winona State University

Bemidji State University
College of St. Benedict
Gustavus Adolphus College
Metropolitan State University
St. Catherine's University
St. Olaf College
University of MN – Twin Cities
Concordia University St Paul

Bethel University
College of St. Scholastica
Hamline University
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University, Moorhead
University of MN - Duluth
University of St. Thomas

Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers an [Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree](#) with general education courses that typically transfer as all or part of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree.

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Professional Association Links

[American Economic Association](#)

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