

Economics



Economics may be the major for you if you have interests in areas such as economic development, social welfare and/or the environment. Our Economics program also offers solid preparation for law school or graduate studies in economics and other related areas while focusing on international and local research. Knowledge of economic theory, history and institutions helps students understand important policy areas such as labor markets, banking, taxation, business cycles, health care, international trade and finance, environment, law, urban development and antitrust actions.

Majors

- **Economics** - Liberal Arts
- **Economics** - Teaching

Comprehensive major (no minor required)

- **Economics** - Business Economics

Minors

- **Economics** - Liberal Arts
- **Economics** - Teaching

Where you'll find our grads

- Credit Risk Manager, The Swiss Colony, Monroe, WI
- Senior Merchandise Planning Analyst, Best Buy
- Corporate Bond Representative, Piper Jaffray, Minneapolis, MN
- Technology Analyst, Andersen Consulting, Minneapolis, MN
- Policy Analyst, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
- President, Northwestern Bank, Chippewa Falls, WI
- Financial Analyst, IBM, Rochester, MN

“The wonderful thing about an economics degree is both the theory and practical skills learned in your courses will be applicable in the future — almost every private sector job out there will include economics on the list of relevant degrees for the position.”

— Alexi Tseffos | Economics grad

Prepared for Success

Our faculty are proud of the individual attention they give our students. You'll learn in small class settings and get lots of one-on-one attention from professors who go out of their way to get to know you. Typical positions held by Economics graduates include banker, forecaster, economic or business analyst, insurance underwriter, manager, community/economic developer,

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central banking and regulatory agent, financial advisor and university professor.

A recent study from the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University reported that lifetime earnings of economics graduates are higher, on average, than those with majors in other social science disciplines and many other fields.

Why UW-Eau Claire Internships

Students gain on-the-job experience through an extensive professional internship program, as well as academic internships for students interested in pursuing graduate education. Our students are selected for competitive internships in government, non-profit and business. To aid you in the transition to employment or further education, the Economics department sponsors trips to area graduate schools, visits by individuals employed in economics-related occupations and alumni volunteers who serve as mentors.

Research Opportunities

Business Economics students can work one-on-one with professors on fascinating research projects, gaining in-depth knowledge for their careers or graduate school. Our students gain real-world experience with work on projects through the economics department's Chippewa Valley Center for Economic Research and Development, which provides expert analysis to businesses, government agencies and non-profits in the Eau Claire region. Our faculty have in-depth experience in international economics. (For example, during a recent summer, six Economics faculty members pursued research interests abroad — two in Europe, three in Asia and one in Africa.)

First-Year Suggested Curriculum

- University Writing Requirement—depending on placement exam
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Humanities or social science elective
- Foreign language and/or math
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Accounting
- Laboratory natural science course
- Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics should both be taken in the first year. Students can start first with either course. Most upper-division economics courses list these as prerequisites.

Special Admission Guidelines

The Economics Department offers three majors leading to degrees from three different Colleges. Each degree has distinct general education requirements as well as differing major requirements. Students should consult with an adviser early in their career to determine which major is best for them.