

ECONOMICS (BS):

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“Economics is the study of how people and societies make choices to accomplish individual and social purposes. In this major, students learn about individual, national and global economic behavior, and then apply theoretical insights and methods of analysis to contemporary challenges involving crime, social justice, and the investigation of fraud and corruption.”

Skills, Abilities and Objectives for Economics Majors:

- Apply statistical methods to qualitative theories
- Assess and respond to reports
- Research and project management
- Develop written and oral communication skills
- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills
- Develop budgets and compute data
- Develop and execute projects
- Examine reports and justify positions
- Influence and persuade others
- Evaluate numerical data and troubleshoot figures
- Synthesize ideas and themes

Transferring Skills to Careers:

The skills above prepare Economics majors for a range of professional degrees and career options. ***The list below does not include all possible professional paths available to students who major in Economics*** but gives a sample of careers graduates have chosen to pursue. The theoretical analyses of contemporary challenges developed by Economic majors are applicable to positions such as:

- Research Assistant
- Programmer/Analyst
- Journalist/Editor/Writer
- Attorney
- Public Relations Representative
- Lobbyist
- Industrial Analyst
- Curriculum Planner
- City Manager/Program Director
- Risk Analyst
- Trader
- Loan Counselor
- Consultant
- Regional/Urban Planner
- Actuarial Assistant
- Federal Reserve Bank Economist
- Economic Forecaster
- Commodities Broker
- Technical Writer
- Foreign Service Officer

Strategies for Professional Development:

- Explore minors such as Computer Science, Public Administration, Corrections, Human Services, Criminology, Gender Studies, Psychology, Political Science, and Security Management.
- Look for internship/volunteer experiences with various financial and government agencies.
- Develop and emphasize your transferable skills such as:
 - Communication
 - Research
 - Leadership
 - Computer Literacy
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in a field of interest.
- Get involved in student organizations such as the **Debate Team, Law Society, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners** and **Omicron Delta Epsilon: the International Honor Society in Economics**.
- Create a LinkedIn account to connect with individuals and organizations in fields of interest.
- Consider pursuing a master’s degree in a related career field.

Professional Associations/Organizations:

A professional association is an organization formed to promote and support the development, growth and work efforts of individuals in a particular career field. Membership benefits include networking, continuing education, mentoring programs, meetings/conferences and exclusive access to information regarding career opportunities.

There is often a fee for joining professional organizations; however, most associations offer discounts to students, including graduate school students, recent graduates, and young professionals. All or a portion of associations' fees are tax deductible. To learn more about professional associations, see the *National Trade and Professional Associations Directory*, the *American Society of Association Executives* or *Encyclopedia of Associations: Volume I- National Organizations of the U.S.* is available in the Reference section of John Jay College's Lloyd Sealy Library.

- **American Economic Association**
<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA>
- **Econometric Society**
<http://www.econometricsociety.org>
- **National Association for Business Economics**
<http://www.nabe.com>
- **Association for Social Economics**
<http://www.socialeconomics.org>
- **Economic Policy Institute**
<http://www.epi.org>

Additional Resources:

- **Careers in Business**
<http://www.careers-in-business.com>
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook - Economists**
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos055.htm>
- **Career Overview - Economists**
<http://www.careeroverview.com/economist-careers.html>

For more information on this major please visit:

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