

Economics

Curriculum

The Department of Economics and Legal Studies in Business offers a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Economics through the College of Arts and Sciences. These degrees give students the opportunity to study economics within the context of a traditional liberal arts degree. The department also offers the Bachelor of Science in Economics through the Spears School of Business where students combine studies of economics with business courses in marketing, management, accounting and other business disciplines. The department provides high quality instructional programs that prepare graduates for careers in business, government, non-profit, and education. The department also offers a master of science and a doctorate in economics.

Economics majors develop the following skills:

Logical Analysis:

Logical thought and analysis used in solving problems underlies an economist's ability to understand economic phenomena.

Observation and Inference from Data:

Economists use algebra, elementary calculus, and statistics to understand economic events.

Oral and Written Communication Skills:

The ability write thoughtfully and clearly is essential to demonstrating one's understanding of economic theory and concepts. The ability to build an argument in the form of an essay and conduct oral presentations also plays a role.

Get Involved

Economic Society
Omicron Delta Epsilon
Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law)
College Republicans
Young Democrats of OSU

A complete list of student clubs and organizations can be found online at:
<https://campuslink.okstate.edu>

College of Arts & Sciences Career Services

213 Life Science East
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources:
<http://cascareers.okstate.edu>

Job and Internship Websites

- Amazon
<http://www.amazon.com/gp/jobs>
- American Economics Association
<http://www.aeaweb.org/joe/>
- Bureau of Labor Statistics
<http://www.bls.gov/jobs/>
- Congressional Budget Office
<http://www.cbo.gov/about/our-careers/our-internships>
- Econ Jobs
<http://www.econ-jobs.com/>
- Economics Degree
<http://www.economicsdegree.com/careers/>
- Economists Incorporated
<http://www.ei.com/companyprofilewhy.php>
- Federal Reserve Bank
<http://www.fdic.gov/about/jobs/index.html>
- Google
<http://www.google.com/about/jobs/>
- International Association of Agricultural Economists
<http://www.iaae-agecon.org/resources/positions.html>
- International Economic Development Council
<http://www.iedconline.org/web-pages/professional-development/job-listings/>
- International Monetary Fund
<http://www.imf.org/external/np/adm/rec/recruit.htm>
- National Association for Business Economics
<http://www.nabe.com/Careers/index>
- National Opinion Research Center
<http://www.norc.org/WorkingAtNORC/Pages/default.aspx>
- The Economist: <http://www.economist.com/>
- The Association for Social Economics
http://socialeconomics.org/division.php?page=awards_and_grants
- US Chamber of Commerce
<http://www.uschamber.com/careers/>
- US Government Accountability Office
<http://www.gao.gov/careers/index.html>
- US International Trade Commission
<http://www.usitc.gov/employment/positions.htm>
- US Census Bureau
<http://www.census.gov/hrd/www/>

Business Economics

These careers use skills and techniques applicable to the business environment. The business economist requires a solid foundation in applied economic theory, quantitative methods, and communications.

International Careers

The advent of the Global Economy makes knowledge of international economics and international economies incredibly important in both government and business. Language skills, travel or relocation are often needed.

Banking and Financial Institutions

Banks, stock brokerage firms, and other financial institutions find the analytical skills of economics majors crucial to their operations. Employment and advancement in the financial sector requires extensive training in economics, accounting and finance.

Government and Public Administration

An economics degree is a good choice for a career in government, public administration and with non-profit organizations. Economics stresses the analysis and evaluation of government activities and the impact of government on the economy. The increased importance of economics for environmental concerns and policy is a natural choice for those with environmental interests.

Types of Employers

Financial Consulting Companies
American Council of Life Insurers
American Institutes for Research
US International Trade Commission
Center for Global Development
US Dept. of Health & Human Service
Congressional Budget Office
DC Dept. of Employment Services
Deloitte Financial Advisory Services
Economist Incorporated
US Bureau of the Census
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Institute for Defense Analyses
Food and Drug Administration
Federal Communication Commission
Computer and Data Processing firms
Federal deposit Insurance Corporation
International Food Policy Research Institute
National Exchange Carrier Association
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Banks/ Federal Reserves
Federal Government Agencies
Public Sector Organizations
Colleges and Universities
Actuarial Consulting Firms
Economic Research Firms
Health Insurance Companies
Insurance Carriers
Public Policy Institute
Investment Services Firms
Consulting Firms
National Institutes of Health
Earth Innovation Institute
Facebook
Citadel LLC
Capitol One
Google
Amazon
Fannie Mae

Pre-Law

A degree in economics serves as an excellent preparation for law school. Historically, economics students have scored very well on the Law School Admission Test. Economics students develop the reasoning ability and analytical skills necessary for the study and practice of law.

Graduate Work in Economics

An advanced degree is for those interested in a career as a professional economist. Economic research or teaching positions in academia and government generally require a Master's degree and often specify a Doctorate.

Consulting

Some economists with BA degrees find employment as Research Associates with economic consulting firms. Consultants advise firms on business strategies, prepare economic evidence for court cases, and develop analyses to influence public policy.

Job Titles

Economist/ Chief Economist
Political Economist
Cost Analyst
Statistician
Risk Analyst
Budget Analyst
Revenue Agent
Lecturer/Professor
Environmental Economist
Research Economist
Economic Affairs Officer
Mortgage Banker
Financial Analyst
Oil Supply Economist
Policy Analytics Consultant
Quantitate Analyst
Investment Analyst
Energy Efficiency Economist
Researcher/ Research Assistant
Director of Public Accountability
Health Services Researcher
Senior Policy Associate
Securities and Commodities Brokers
Game Economist Investment
Macro Forecaster Banking Strategist