

# Department of Economics

## DEGREES & PROGRAMS OFFERED

Economics, B.A.  
Minor in Economics  
Minor in International Political Economy

## STUDENT SUCCESS

**1) The first year 5-year average (2011-2015) retention rate for first-time freshman in the department is higher (87.2%) than both the school's (82.1%) and the University's (81.0%)**

**2) The most recent 4-year graduation rate for first-time freshmen in the Department (40%) is higher than the same rate for the school (15.3%).**

## PLACEMENT

An increasing number of Economics majors and minors are attending graduate school, for example:

**University of Wisconsin Madison** (Ph.D. program in Agricultural and Applied Economics)

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln** (Ph.D. program in Economics)

**University of Southern California** (Ph.D. program in Health Economics)

**Harvard University** (Ph.D. program in Public Policy)

**Duke University** (M.A. program in Economics)

**University of Denver** (M.A. program in Economics)

**University of Missouri-Kansas City** (M.A. program in Economics)

**University of California, Santa Cruz** (M.A. program in Applied Economics and Finance)

**London School of Economics** (M.A. in International Relations).

Economics students also achieve a variety of employment opportunities, ranging from placements in local businesses to multinational corporations (working in **Singapore and Paris**) and local government agencies to the federal government (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC).

## BACHELORS OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS

ECON 40 and 50 are prerequisites for most upper-division courses in economics.

Any student planning graduate work is advised to take additional mathematics.

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (39 units)

### Core (18 units)

Lower-Division: ECON 40 and 50

Upper-Division: ECON 100A, 100B, 123, 192

### Upper-Division Breadth and Application Course Selections (21 units)

Students must select one upper-division economics course from each of Categories I, II and III to be exposed to the breadth of fields of study in economics (9 units). In addition, students must select four upper division economics courses from the remaining courses in Categories I, II, III, IV and V. (12 units).

### Category I. Macroeconomics and International Economics Courses (3 units minimum)

ECON 103, 114, 135, 178, 188T

### Category II. Microeconomics Courses (3 units minimum)

ECON 117, 119, 131, 144, 150, 162, 189T

### Category III. Historical and Political Economics Courses (3 units minimum)

ECON 101, 110, 111, 179, 181, 183, 115T

### Category IV. Cross-cutting Economics Courses

ECON 102W, 120, 125, 146, 152, 167, 176

### Category V. Special Courses (3 units maximum)

ECON 185, 190 and 191

## WHAT IS ECONOMICS?

**Economics is the social science that studies the way in which societies are organized to produce the goods and services that sustain and enhance the life processes of the community.**

→ As a fundamental scientific discipline, economics employs systematic analysis in the study of the production and distribution of income within and among nations.

→ Since all social policy issues in modern societies have an economic dimension, the study of economics offers the student an opportunity to investigate the most important and exciting problems of political economy facing the world today.

## SCHOLARSHIP & RESEARCH

Economics Department faculty are fully engaged in their respective fields of research, presenting papers at international, national and regional conferences, and publishing articles in highly regarded journals. For example:

*Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics*

*American Journal of Economics and Sociology*

*Land Economics*

*Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*

*Atlantic Economic Journal*

*Journal of Asian Economies*

*Accident Analysis & Prevention*

*Journal of Economic History*

*Applied Economics*

*International Journal of Business and Management*

*Journal of International Development*

*Journal of Forensic Economics*

*Journal of Legal Economics*

*International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education*

*Journal of Economic Issues*