Economics

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.

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
- 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://socialaeconomics.org/division.php?page=awards_and_grants
- US Chamber of Commerce
  http://www.uschamber.com/careers/
- US Government Accountability Office
- US International Trade Commission
  http://www.usitc.gov/employment/positions.htm
- US Census Bureau
  http://www.census.gov/hrd/www/

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
**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.

**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.

**Economics Career Paths...**
- 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
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- Banking Strategist

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**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