Economics Major

By the Numbers:
Majors (Spring 2019): 493
Minors (Spring 2019): 69
Degrees Awarded (2017-18): 148

Curriculum:
- 33 credits (11 courses) of Economics including the following required courses:
  - Principles of Microeconomics
  - Intermediate Microeconomics
  - Econometrics
  - Senior Seminar
  - Principles of Macroeconomics
  - Intermediate Macroeconomics
  - Political Economy
...and 2 upper division courses (at least one of which is at the 400-level) and 2 other elective courses in economic selected from among:
  - Money and Banking
  - Environmental Economics
  - International Economics
  - Health Economics
  - Gender and the Economy
  - Population Economics
  - Regional Economics
  - Public Finance... and more!
- Several Economics courses require prerequisite courses in calculus and statistics
- Completion of a minor or second major

Enrichment Opportunities:
- Recent Internships for Academic Credit:
  - Ernst Appraisal Group (Real Estate); Colorado Eagles (Sports); Northwestern Mutual (Financial); Winslow Electric Co (Construction); Al Jidara (Economic Development Consulting); Wolf Creek Portable Piping (Construction); Ed Carroll Motor Co (Retail Trade); True North Companies (Insurance); Merrill Lynch (Financial); AXA Advisors (Financial)
- Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) (Economics Honor Society)
- Economics Student Leadership Council
- University Honors and Disciplinary Honors programs
- Celebrate Undergraduate Creativity and Research Symposium: More than 32 Economics Majors have presented research posters or presentations in 2018

Our recent graduates have many opportunities in both the business world and graduate school!

Graduate Studies:
- Masters in Economics
- PhD in Economics
- MBA
- Law School
  (Harvard Law School
  Boston University
  University of Houston
  Georgia State University
  Purdue University
  CU-Boulder)

Employment – Firm (Position):
- Great West Life (Senior Mutual Implementation Administrator); ALPs (Mutual Fund Accountant); Fidelity Investments (Financial Representative); Discovery Research Group (Vice President of Operations); Home State Bank (Associate Banker); U.S. Coast Guard (Economist); Metlife Securities Inc. (Broker-Dealer-Agent); American Eagle Distributing (Account Manager); Brown Brother Harriman (Fund Analyst); U.S. Navy (Naval Flight Officer); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Economic Research); U.S. Federal Communications Commission (Economic Research Assistant); UBS Investment Bank London (Structured Credit Valuations Analyst); Oppenheimer Funds (Senior Fund Accounting Analyst); Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage (Broker Associate, REALTOR); Kronos Inc. (Research Analyst); Standard & Poors (Rating Analyst)
Why Study Economics?

Maybe it's because you're interested in training for a well-paid job

Economics majors on average earn more than the majors in any other department in the College of Liberal Arts, and more than most business majors for that matter. Or maybe it's because you're interested in understanding how individuals, businesses, and governments interact to produce and distribute goods and services to improve (or diminish) our wellbeing. Whether your concern is preparation for a career, intellectual curiosity, or political change, economics has something to offer you.

Economics is the only social science which is awarded a Nobel Prize

It provides a rigorous analysis of a wide range of real world problems (many of which are not ordinarily thought of as "economic") such as poverty, inflation, unemployment, pollution, crime, taxes, finance, inequality, international competition, economic growth and many others. But you don't have to be a "rocket scientist" to major in economics. Most economics courses use little advanced math. Some don't use math at all. Economic analysis is often common sense. Our department emphasizes a broad, policy oriented, liberal arts approach to the study of economics, one which appeals to students of many different backgrounds and interests.

A major in economics sends a signal...

...to prospective employers and graduate schools that you are capable of logical and critical thought, that you have basic quantitative skills, that you can adapt to changing circumstances, and that you are interested in the "big picture." It will help you become a better citizen and a more rigorous thinker as well as advancing your career goals.

We strive to be not just an academic department but a "learning community."

Our faculty puts students first. Many of our faculty have won teaching and advising awards and have published extensively in their fields of expertise. We look forward to seeing you in class!