Economics

Our Program

The economics faculty is committed to student learning as their first priority. We work closely with our majors to provide an exciting educational environment where students not only learn in the classroom but also have the opportunity to work cooperatively with the faculty on community-based projects. Our “small urban” environment is a wonderful place for economics majors to learn and make a difference in the community through our many research and service learning opportunities. Every major also produces a “hands-on” senior capstone project.

Our faculty’s teaching and research interests include exciting new areas such as sports economics, environmental and natural resource economics, real estate economics, energy economics, and sustainable development. Advanced computer technology is used throughout the curriculum. In the liberal arts tradition, we emphasize learning, communication, critical thinking, and development of the whole individual within the context of a rapidly changing world.

The economics curriculum emphasizes both microeconomic and macroeconomic issues. Microeconomics is about the rationing of scarce resources. All human societies confront this fundamental problem, so economics is of central importance. Macroeconomics is about maintaining high employment, low inflation, and high rates of economic growth. Students learn to make sense of a large and complex economy. They critically evaluate the impact different economic policies have on lives.

Humboldt’s multidisciplinary program in economics emphasizes applied knowledge and accommodates a broad range of student interests. Economic principles are fundamental to many of today’s important debates concerning natural resources and globalization, among others. Many of our graduates attend law school, earn MBAs, or pursue advanced graduate degrees in economics. Economics students typically earn high starting salaries and pursue a diverse range of career tracks including banking, government, advocacy organizations, consulting, brokerage, and sales.

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Bachelor of Arts
Minor

Related Careers

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Arbitrator/Mediator
Budget Analyst
Business Consultant
Claim Adjustor/Appraiser
Cost Accountant
Cost Estimator
Economic Analyst
Economist
Financial Analyst
Financial Planner
Fundraiser
Industrial Product Manager
Insurance Sales Agent
Insurance Underwriter
Lawyer
Loan Officer
Lobbyist
Logistician
Marketing Analyst
Medical and Health Services Manager
Event Planner
Office Manager
Operations Research Analyst
Public Policy Analyst
Purchasing Manager
Real Estate Agent
Revenue Agent
Sales Representative
Staff Auditor
Stock Broker
Survey Researcher
Tax Examiner
Title Examiner
Urban and Regional Planner

Careers listed may require additional education.

For more information about careers & employers, see the Economics Career Guide.

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