

Department of Economics

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The Department of Economics offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Economics. The program provides instruction on economic institutions and a rigorous foundation in the analytical tools and applied areas of economics, relying on mathematical and statistical techniques. Students learn how the price system operates; how consumers, firms, and government institutions allocate scarce resources; and the determinants of national output, inflation, unemployment, economic growth, and international trade. Laws, regulations, and institutions that influence economic activity are also studied. After learning the basic tools of microeconomics and macroeconomics in the introductory courses, students go on to study various applied areas of economics in the more advanced courses.

The program provides a strong grounding for many careers in banking, insurance, service and manufacturing firms, government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations. It also gives an excellent background to students who intend to continue their education. In particular, it provides a solid preparation for law school, an MBA program, and graduate studies in economics, business, public administration, and public policy.

Students are encouraged to contact the director of undergraduate studies of the economics department for further information on the field of economics and career options for economics majors.

Distinction

Departmental Distinction may be awarded if the student meets the following criteria:

- **Distinction:** 3.25/4.00 overall GPA and 3.25/4.00 economics GPA
- **High Distinction:** 3.50/4.00 overall GPA and 3.50/4.00 economics GPA
- **Highest Distinction:** 3.75/4.00 overall GPA and 3.75/4.00 economics GPA, and completion of an honors thesis via registration for one or two sections of ECON 399 under the supervision of a faculty advisor (a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 6 hours).

Degree Program

- BA with a Major in Economics (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/econ/ba>)

Minors

- Minor in Economics (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/econ/minor-econ>)