



Introduction to the Major

It's more than supply and demand: Learn how economies work and develop the problem-solving skills needed to tackle today's complex challenges.

Economics offers a flexible yet consistent framework for understanding many challenges facing society today—from globalization of international trade to climate change. As an economics major you will learn the key elements of this framework, and have ample opportunities to apply it to key economic issues. Studying economics prepares you for a wide range of careers and graduate programs, from finance and business to international development, law, and public policy.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** ECON 010: Economics and the World Economy
- Year 2** ECON 256: Modeling Ecological-Economic Systems
- Year 3** ECON 258: The Economics and Policy of Food
- Year 4** ECON 277: Urban Economics

CORE COURSES

Course offerings include international trade and finance, economic development, monetary economics and labor, environmental economics, and the economics of sport. You are also encouraged to take two courses that complement your studies from outside the Economics Department. Eleven courses are required for the major:

- Six core courses in quantitative methods and economic theory
- Four elective courses in economics
- One related course in mathematics (calculus is recommended)
- A senior year capstone experience

100%
of students conduct
research before
graduation

"Clark Economics equipped me with the abilities to succeed and the critical thinking skills to adapt my research in a fast-changing world."

— JOSEPH BIASI, STRATEGIC CONSULTANT, COSTAR ADVISORY SERVICES



ECONOMICS *Bachelor of Arts*



**DESIGN
YOUR
JOURNEY**



**Explore
and navigate
Clark curriculum**



**Connect
and engage
with communities**



**Discover
and pursue
your passions**



**Develop
professional
skills**



**Reflect,
design
and plan**

YEAR 1

YEAR 2



□ **Explore the Economics Department**

Talk with department faculty and staff about your interests and plans. Look into First-Year Intensive (FYI) courses.



□ **Learn about campus resources**

Visit the Goddard library, the Writing Center, the Career Lab in ASEC, and other campus resources to learn about what's available to you. Log in to Handshake to find career exploration events.



□ **Identify Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) and Problems of Practice (PoP) courses**

Meet with an adviser to start identifying courses that match your interests and goals.



□ **Get connected**

Join the Clark Economics Society and participate in discussions of current economic issues with faculty members and fellow students.



□ **Explore off campus and get involved**

Check out activities and opportunities in the community beyond Clark through the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering.



□ **Start networking**

Join ClarkCONNECT, Clark's virtual community, to connect with alumni and explore possible internship and experiential learning projects.



□ **Reflect on what sparks your interest**

What have you learned from the core economics courses about your interests and goals? Talk with your adviser and economics faculty members about your experiences and plans.



□ **Dig in and define your interests**

Practice your analytical skills by exploring current economic issues in EconLit, EconPapers, and NBER Working Papers.



□ **Stay engaged**

Consider joining the National Honors Society in Economics (ODE). Learn about the Federal Open Market Committee by participating in the mock Fed Challenge competition in the Money and Banking course.



□ **Get out of here**

Connect with the Study Abroad and Away office to learn about the London School of Economics and Political Science—Clark's most popular study abroad program.



□ **Declare your major**

The majority of economics majors combine their studies with a second major or minor in management, mathematics, computer science, or geography. Talk with your adviser about whether a double-major or minor is right for you, and which disciplines align with your interests and plans.



□ **Pre-flight check**

Attend a career fair organized by the Career Connections Center (CCC) to learn about internships and potential career paths. Search for internship and job opportunities on Handshake and meet with your career adviser.



□ **Look back and look ahead**

Reflect on your experiences and the skills you are developing. Are you ready to tackle real economic problems with the analytical tools you are learning?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Graduates work in economic analysis, government, law, business, and other fields for employers including Price Waterhouse Coopers, EPA, IBM, and state agencies.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alumni have pursued advanced study in economic development, business, and more at top schools including Yale, Vanderbilt University, and the London School of Economics.

YEAR 3



Delve deeper

Consider Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) courses. Hone your analytical skills in ECON 160 and ECON 265 before taking your capstone or honor's thesis course.



Engage and strengthen your networks

Step into a leadership position in the Clark Economics Society. Join the CCC's Alumni Job Shadow Program to connect with alumni and experience a day on the job in a field of interest.



Apply what you've learned

Learn monetary policies from the Federal Reserve System in ECON 213, and prepare for the annual Fed Challenge at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.



Plan for senior year and beyond

Talk with your advisers about your plans. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references or write letters of recommendation. Get your resume reviewed through the Career Lab.



Dive into research

Look into opportunity funding for research and projects, including the Sheftel research grant.



No regrets!

What's on your Clark bucket list? Take time for things you are passionate about. Will you apply for the Accelerated Degree Program (ADP)? Learn about ADP requirements and connect with program advisers.

YEAR 4



Pull it all together

Complete your capstone requirement through a course project, research experience, or honors thesis.



What's next?

Discuss your post-graduation plans with economics faculty and your advisers. Make an appointment with your career adviser for help with your job search or applying to graduate school.



Get ready to launch

Participate in career-related events on and off campus. Schedule a mock job interview through the Career Connections Center to get feedback. Update your professional profiles and find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving.



Become a researcher and get published!

Compete for the ODE undergraduate research award and the chance to publish your research in *The American Economist*.



Ask yourself the big questions

What have you learned that you value? What have you excelled at? What action steps do you need to take this year to finish strong?



Share your knowledge and give back

Work as a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA). Lead a discussion section for an introductory course.



Show your work

Present your work at ClarkFEST in the spring or fall, or at an economics conference. What other experiences can you leverage to pursue your goals?



AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

Put your learning into practice through research, internships, and study abroad.

The economics major is designed to help you learn outside the classroom. Take advantage of internship opportunities during the academic year or over the summer to connect what you are learning with your professional development. In addition, the Clark Economics Society hosts career forums, panel discussions, and social gatherings for students to connect with each other and discuss current issues, such as a field trip to the New York Federal Reserve Bank and the New York Mercantile Exchange.

CONNECT WITH US!

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Advising

We are here to support your academic journey.

In your first year at Clark, you will be assigned an adviser to help you select your courses and programs. Once you declare your major, economics faculty will advise you.

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