

Introduction to the Major

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

Economics offers a 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

Gain relevant insights through our unusually broad and deep curriculum, with particular strengths in applied statistics, policy evaluation, and environmental economics. Independent research opportunities allow economics majors to apply theory to real-world questions, strengthen analytical and communication skills, deepen faculty mentorship, and enhance preparation for careers or graduate study.



"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 '15, Head of Commercial Capital Markets Research, Newmark



What can I do with my major?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

By emphasizing logical thinking, analysis, and problem-solving, the major offers you skills that are highly valued in government and non-profit research organizations, consulting, banking, and other business sectors.

Graduates pursue careers in economic analysis, government, law, and other fields, working for employers such as the Environmental Protection Agency, IBM, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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.

Foundational Courses

The six core courses provide students with a common language and a common set of skills that ensure preparation for study of the subfields of economics in the elective courses.

- ECON 010: Economics and the World Economy
- ECON 011: Principles of Economics
- ECON 205: Microeconomic Theory
- ECON 206: Macroeconomic Theory
- ECON 160: Introduction to Statistical Analysis
- ECON 265: Econometrics

YOUR CLARK EXPERIENCE



Discover and Demonstrate your Purpose



Cultivate Your Communities



Engage Locally & Globally



Develop your Professional Identity

Year 1



Explore the Economics department and learn about campus resources

Talk with department faculty and staff about your interests and plans. 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.



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 through community engagement fairs.

Year 3



Apply what you have learned

Learn about monetary policy in ECON 213 and prepare to compete in the annual Fed Challenge at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.



Engage and strengthen your networks

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



Pursue internship and research opportunities

Attend a career fair organized by the CCC to learn about internships and potential career paths. Search for internship and job opportunities on Handshake and meet with your career adviser. Look into opportunity funding for research and projects, including the Sheftel research grant.

Year 2



Declare your major

Combine your studies with a second major or minor in data science, political science, or management. Talk with your adviser about which disciplines align with your interests and plans.



Dig in and define your interests

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

Consider joining the National Honors Society in Economics (ODE).



Get out of here

Connect with the Study Abroad and Away office to learn about options for a semester, year, or summer abroad or away to broaden and deepen your experience.

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. 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.



Become a researcher and get published!

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