Economists develop theories to explain how the components of the economy like individual people, companies, and the government operate and interact with one another. They then gather data to estimate the relationships among the various aspects of the economy. Based on these analyses, economists predict how people and companies will respond to changes in policies and external forces. These predictions, in turn, help guide private and public decision-makers to form appropriate policies. The demand for economics majors is strong in the private sector and government. Economics is also great preparation for graduate school, whether you’re leaning toward business, law, public policy, or want to become an economist. The department of Economics offers a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science. The BS program has a stronger quantitative component that is valuable preparation for graduate work in economics or for more analytical areas of government and business. The BA is less quantitative and is broader.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Banker
- Trust Service Provider
- Economic Forecaster
- Economic Planner

**Data Collector**
- Communication and Media
- Underwriter

**Consultant**
- Financial Analyst
- Banking Branch Manager
- Lending Specialist

**Risk Management Specialist**
- Sales Manager
- Loss Control Specialist

**Banking Branch Manager**
- K- 12 Teacher
- Professor
- Researcher

**Banker**
- Government/Politics
- Research Analyst
- Policy Advisor
- Lawyer

**Trust Service Provider**
- Economic Planner
- Economic Forecaster

**Economic Planner**
- Actuarial Scientist

**Actuarial Scientist**
- Use Technology Effectively

**Education**
- K- 12 Teacher
- Professor
- Researcher

**K- 12 Teacher**
- Conceptualizing
- Defining Needs
- Developing Evaluation
- Strategies

**Professor**
- Experimental Design
- Forecasting/Predicting
- Gathering Information
- Identifying Problems

**Researcher**
- Research Skills

**Researcher**
- Adaptable/Flexibility
- Attention to Detail
- Judgment & Decision Making

**Research Analyst**
- Administrative Skills
- Delegating Tasks
- Organization Skills

**Policy Advisor**
- Strategic Planning/Visioning
- Multi-tasking

**Lawyer**
- Problem Solving

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Basic Computer Skills
- Mathematics
- Persuasion
- Provide/Respond to Feedback
- Speaking Effectively
- Technical Writing
- Use Technology Effectively
- Teamwork

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*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)*

**Professional Links:**

- American Economic Association: [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management: [http://www.appam.org/](http://www.appam.org/)

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