
MAJOR-SPECIFIC CAREER GUIDE

Economics

Marketable Skills

Economics majors develop professional skills including:

- The ability to communicate complex concepts
- Strong written, oral, numerical, and graphic communication skills
- Experience conducting economic analysis
- Knowledge of quantitative tools and instruments
- Experience with advanced statistics, computer models, and data analysis
- Comfort solving complex problems by means of advanced mathematics, logic, and quantitative thinking
- Research design experience
- The ability to analyze numerical data, identify trends, and make calculated forecasts
- Experience predicting the social and financial impacts of proposed legislation

Relevant Fields

- Academia
- Banking / Finance
- Business Administration
- Education
- Nonprofit Management
- Public Policy
- Statistical Analysis

Sample Occupational Titles

Bachelor's Degree:

- Actuary / Broker
- Aid / Development Worker
- Business / Risk Manager
- Junior Economist
- Market / Financial Analyst
- Market Researcher

Advanced Degree:

- Consultant
- Import-Export Specialist
- Political Scientist
- Professor
- Senior Economist
- Statistical Analyst

Print Resources

Find these titles and additional books, periodicals, and handouts in the [Career Resource Library](#):

- [Book of Majors](#) by The College Board
- [College Majors Handbook With Real Career Paths and Payoffs: The Actual Jobs, Earnings, and Trends for Graduates of 60 College Majors](#) by Neeta Fogg, Paul Harrington, and Thomas Harrington
- [Great Jobs for Math Majors](#) by Stephen Lambert and Ruth DeCotis
- [Top Careers for Economics Graduates](#) by Ferguson Publishing

Online Resources

Visit these websites and others listed in our [School-Specific Resources](#):

- Council for Economic Education at www.councilforeconed.org
- Devex at www.devex.com/en/jobs
- Hoovers at www.hoovers.com
- Idealist at www.idealists.org
- Occupational Outlook Handbook at www.bls.gov/oco
- O*NET Resource Center at www.onetcenter.org
- Social Science Research Network at www.ssrn.com/update/ern/ernjob/ern_job.html
- USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov
- Vault at www.vault.com

Professional Associations

The following professional associations offer career-related information and job listings:

- The American Economic Association at www.aeaweb.org
- American Law and Economics Association at www.amlecon.org
- American Mathematical Society at www.ams.org
- Association for Women in Mathematics at www.awm-math.org
- International Economic Association at www.ica-world.com
- National Economic Association at www.neaecon.org/index.htm

Find more professional associations at American Society of Association Executives at www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm