ECONOMICS
BACHELOR OF ARTS, MINOR
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT’S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, STUDY ECONOMICS. Economics touches on politics, policy decisions, inequality and the social order, consumerism, poverty, the cost of living, wages, taxes, the market, globalism, business and nearly every other current topic. Economists analyze data to understand and predict decisions of households, businesses, and government as well as how these entities affect individuals and entire societies.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Our economics program gives you a broad foundation applicable to many careers in business and other fields. Or you can focus on one of our specializations: Financial Economics, International Economics or Law and Economics/Pre-Law.
- Economics scholarships! The Chung Scholarship pays $1,500 EACH semester to ALL Econ majors with an overall and Economics GPA of 3.0! You don’t even need to apply for it.
- Join the Department of Economics Honors Program and/or the Economics Club and go on field trips to the Chicago Financial District or the Federal Reserve in St. Louis, and help choose speakers on topics such as “moneyball” economics, game theory and more.
- This major pairs well with other business majors, and with political science, history, international trade, journalism and sociology.
- Consider our accelerated master’s degree track – allowing you to earn a master’s degree with just one additional year of college – for even more earning and employment options.

INTERNSHIPS

- Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Illinois Office of Trade Investment
- Tri-State Appraisers
- Disney
- Google
- Insurance companies and banks

Careers

- Economics majors learn to analyze numerical data, recognize trends and think critically. These skills help them find careers in a wide variety of fields -- including many positions that don’t specifically say “economist” in the job title!
- Financial advisor or analyst
- Actuary
- Healthcare analytics specialist
- Credit analyst
- Real estate appraiser
- Financial examiner or auditor
- Supply chain or budget analyst
- Mortgage banker
- Compensation and benefits / payroll analyst
- Business journalist
- Lawyer