

# Department of Economics

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The Department of Economics provides a broad-based education with a specialization in economic theory and applications. Students can select the Bachelor of Arts in Economics degree, with a general business focus, or the Bachelor of Science in Economics, with a quantitative focus in mathematical, statistical and econometric methods. The economics programs are flexible, and, with thoughtful advance planning, students can easily pursue an economics degree along with a minor, or even a second major, in another academic area.

Economics students can develop their understanding of economic issues in a variety of areas including: econometrics, game theory, industrial organization, international economics, international finance, money and financial institutions, resource and environmental economics.

A degree in economics provides rigorous analytical training with a broad understanding of the workings of the global economic system. Its flexibility allows students to tailor their education to specific interests and career goals. The undergraduate programs in economics prepare a student for careers in business and government as well as for many graduate and professional degree programs.

The Department of Economics also offers an **Honors Program in Economics**, designed for academically talented and motivated students who desire a richer educational experience than offered in regular courses. The primary goal of this program is to help students develop the ability to apply economic analysis to a variety of issues at the individual, corporate, and government level. To be certified as a graduate of the economics honors program, students must have at least a 3.25 major GPA in all economics courses attempted at NC State and an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher. In addition, students must complete specific course requirements.

A minor in Economics is available to undergraduate students and is an excellent complement to many majors within the university, including international studies, political science, statistics, business administration, accounting, and engineering.

## Opportunities

An undergraduate degree in economics has long served as the foundation for advanced professional degrees in law and business, graduate study in economics, as well as jobs in business, industry and government.

## Curricula and Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts in Economics (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science in Economics (B.S.) are broad and flexible programs of study. The major course work for both programs include courses in economic theory, mathematics and statistics as well as courses in advanced, applied economics. The programs provide for substantial flexibility, so students may tailor their studies to their particular interests and long-term goals.

Both economics degrees require that students complete 120 credits towards the degree. All Economics majors are subject to the university and college's residency requirements. Additionally, students in the Economics majors (B.A. or B.S.) must earn at least 1/2 of their required economics (EC) credits while enrolled in the curriculum, and students

must complete at least one-half of the required economics credit hours (EC courses) at NC State University.

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- Economics (BA) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/management/economics/economics-ba/>)
- Economics (BS) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/management/economics/economics-bs/>)
- Economics (Minor) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/management/economics/economics-minor/>)