Business, Banking, and Finance

Economics is a great choice if you are considering a career in business, banking, or finance. Economics is the study of mankind's efforts to obtain the goods and services required for survival, for reasonable comfort and, when possible, for affluence. It concerns itself with all the problems associated with society's struggle to survive and prosper in a world possessing limited productive resources coupled with seemingly unlimited human desires.

Economists seek to understand the decisions of businesses, consumers, and current economic issues by developing a systematic and thorough understanding of precisely how the economic system operates, including the mechanisms by which resources are allocated, prices determined, income redistributed, and economic growth promoted. Business administration shares with the discipline of economics some of the same conceptual concerns, but business administration’s focus is on the business firm and its well-being. Economics is a social science focusing on the economic well-being of society.

Recommended Courses (P = Prerequisite)

Advanced Electives in the major in order of relevance
- Econ 410 Introductory Econometrics (P: Econ 310, Math 221)
- Econ 666 Advanced International Finance (P: Econ 301, 302, 310; B or higher in Math 221)
- Econ 464 International Trade and Finance (P: Econ 301, 302)
- Econ 441 Analytical Public Finance (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 521 Game Theory and Economic Analysis (P: Econ 301, Math 222)

Applied Fields in the major
- Econ 300 Introduction to Finance
- Econ 320 Investment Theory
- Econ 330 Money and Banking

Suggested Courses Outside of the Department of Economics
- Finance 305 Financial Markets, Institutions, and Economic Activity
- Finance 325 Corporation Finance
- Finance 330 Derivative Securities
- Finance 410 Bank Management
- Finance 420 Investment Banking and Capital Markets
- Finance 520 Intermediate Investment Theory
  *Also consider a major in Finance, Investment, and Banking
  *Also consider a certificate in Business

Student Organizations
- Economic Student Association
- Capital Management Club
- Society of Personal Investments
- Investment Banking Club
- Finance and Investment Society
- Fantasy Sports and Finance Club
Gain Technical Skills (FREE FOR STUDENTS)

- DoIT Software Training for Students
- SSCC Training Classes

Job and Internship Search

- BuckyNet
- eFinancial Careers
- Financial Services Crossing
- One Wire

Sample Job Titles

- Securities Analyst
- Operations Analyst
- Sales Representative
- Management Consultant
- Trust Officer
- Management Trainee
- Equity Trader
- Hedge Fund Administrator
- Economic Analyst
- Cost Estimator
- Investment Banker
- Business Analyst
- Consultant
- Asset Manager
- Financial Advisor

Additional Resources

- Finance, Investment, and Banking
- International Business
- American Finance Association
- Fannie Mae
- Morningstar
- The Wall Street Journal
- Careers in Consulting
- Careers in Finance
- Vault Career Guides (access through Career Insider on BuckyNet homepage)