
Government

The federal government is the largest employer in the US. Positions in almost every career field exist in multiple departments and agencies at the national, state, and local level. There is often a different process for applying to federal positions (see the links for more information).

Recommended Courses (P = Prerequisite)

Advanced Electives in the major in order of relevance

- Econ 441 *Analytical Public Finance* (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 468 *Industrial Organization and Imperfect Competition* (P: Econ 301, Math 221)
- Econ 450 *Wages and the Labor Market* (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 522 *Law and Economics* (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 521 *Game Theory and Economic Analysis* (P: Econ 301, Math 222)

Applied Fields in the major

- Econ 306 *The Real Estate Process*
- Econ 325 *Public Utilities*
- Econ 420 *Urban and Regional Economics*
- Econ 641 *Housing Economics and Policy*

Suggested Courses Outside of the Department of Economics

- AAE 520 *Community Economic Analysis*
 - Urb R PI 305 *Introduction to the City*
 - Poli Sci 404 *American Politics and Government*
 - Urb R PI 641 *Housing Economics and Policy*
- *Also consider a major in Political Science*
**Also consider a major in Legal Studies*

Student Organizations

- [Economic Student Association](#)
- [Bipartisan Issues Group](#)

Gain Technical Skills (FREE FOR STUDENTS!)

- [DoIT Software Training for Students](#)
- [SSCC Training Classes](#)

Job and Internship Search

- [BuckyNet](#)
- [USA Jobs for Students and Recent Graduates](#)
- [Fannie Mae](#)
- [US Department of State](#)
- [Congressional Budget Office](#)
- [State of Wisconsin](#)
- [City of Madison](#)
- [Public Service Careers](#)

Sample Job Titles

- Economist
- Publics Affairs Specialist
- Budget Analyst
- Purchasing Agent
- Program Manager

Additional Resources

- [Washington-based Lobbying Offices](#)
- [Partnership for Public Service](#)
- [Go Government](#)
- Vault Career Guides (access through Career Insider on BuckyNet homepage)