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WHY APPLY TO ECONOMICS, B.A., B.S.?

Students with a degree in economics develop strong analytical and quantitative skills and the ability to solve complex problems effectively. Studying economics is an excellent preparation for many careers in business, law, management consulting, education, or public service. Businesses of all types and sizes, financial institutions, consulting firms, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, as well as graduate business and law schools actively seek graduates with bachelor's degrees in economics. In addition, many of our students go on to do a graduate study in economics, law, public policy, or business.

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The B.A. and B.S. degrees in Economics provides a foundation to explain how people, business, and governments make decision with limited resources. The Economics majors are built on a foundation of strong theoretical and statistical training. The majors provide students a solid grounding in microeconomic and macroeconomic theory, statistical and econometric methodology, as well as applied economic analysis. The Economics majors emphasize the role of incentives and institutions in shaping economic outcomes and how public policies influence economic performance and individual outcomes. In addition to having a solid understanding of economic theory, our program has a special emphasis on economics, political economy, law and economics, and environmental economics, empirical methods, and U.S. economic history.

Graduate Program Opportunities

- ▶ Our students have the opportunity to work as research assistants with the faculty on cutting-edge research projects which make them competitive for graduate programs. Students who are interested in pursuing graduate work in Economics have the opportunity to pursue the quantitatively rigorous Economics, B.S. major which will prepare students for graduate level study. UC Merced graduates in our program have been admitted to graduate programs in Economics at Institutions such as UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Santa Cruz, and Texas A&M. Our students have also been accepted at law schools including University of Michigan, UC Hastings Law, University of San Francisco, and Duke University.

Internship Opportunities

- ▶ Recent Economics students have had great success in securing internships working in a wide field of positions including finance, sales, marketing, management consulting, and data analysis. Some of the firms that have offered our students internships include Amazon, Vanguard, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Gallo, Foster Farms, L'Oréal, TTI, and PG&E.

Job/Career Prospects

2022 data from Payscale.com showed that the base salary for individuals with Economics degrees was \$78,000 on average across the U.S. The Economics majors prepares students for a broad range of careers, including

- ▶ Accountant
- ▶ Actuary
- ▶ Auditor
- ▶ Budget Analyst
- ▶ Business Reporter
- ▶ Credit Analyst
- ▶ Economic Consultant
- ▶ Economist
- ▶ Financial Advisor
- ▶ Financial Analyst/Manager
- ▶ Policy Analyst
- ▶ Statistician



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Joshua Jones

B.S. '22

I can say that the Economics Department has challenged me and kept me engaged throughout my entire four years here at UC Merced. That is something I can really appreciate and look forward to taking with me into the job force. What I will miss most is the mentorship and the camaraderie. The professors are very welcoming and always willing to give their entire self for the betterment of their students. It has been a pleasure in being a student in this department and I highly suggest that anyone who may be unsure of what major they want to pursue to consider the Economics program at UC Merced. I will say the biggest strength in the Economics Department is the humility in both the students and the professors. Everyone is very approachable and goes out of their way to help you succeed. After graduation I plan on working in finance or law. I will eventually apply to law school where I will study intellectual property, contracts and expungements.

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