



## Economics



## College of Business



## What is Economics?

Economics is the social science that studies the choices made by consumers, businesses, governments and other organizations, and how these choices impact others as well as the economy as a whole.

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## Economics Programs

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi offers the Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Economics through the College of Business and the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics through the College of Liberal Arts. Currently, all economics faculty are housed in, and all economics courses are offered by, the College of Business.

Students may choose to pursue a major in economics in one of two ways. Students desiring more of a business foundation may elect to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Economics through the College of Business. Those wishing a liberal arts foundation may major in economics in the College of Liberal Arts and earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. These two paths allow students considerable flexibility in selecting an educational background suitable for their career aspirations. The economics curriculum is broad and covers many important areas within economics.

The College of Business also offers a minor in economics. This minor is designed to serve students who are interested in supplementing their own major(s) with an added knowledge of economics. The requirements include 18 hours of economics courses.

### BBA with a Major in Economics

The economics major in the College of Business is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the theory and applications of

economics in preparation for their chosen careers. Possible opportunities for graduates include entry-level positions as research and financial analysts in the business and government sectors; and brokerage and currency traders in the financial and banking sectors. In addition, the economics major offers an excellent preparation for graduate studies in law, economics and other business disciplines.

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## Economics Major Curriculum

Bachelor of Business Administration degree requirements include: (1) the general studies core curriculum prescribed by the University, (2) a common core of business courses, (3) courses in the major area specified by the major academic department, and (4) upper division business electives to achieve a minimum of 124 semester hours. All students must complete at least 45 hours of junior or senior level courses; at least 45 of these must be in business or economics.

The BBA degree with a major in Economics requires 24 hours of upper level Economics courses beyond the two Principles of Economics required of all Business majors.

### Upper-Division Economics in College of Business

ECON 3310	Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 3311	Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 3312	Money and Banking
ECON 3315	International Economic Issues
ECON 3316	Environmental Economics
ECON 3320	Public Finance
ECON 3322	Managerial Economics
ECON 4310	Introduction to Econometrics
ECON 4325	Economics of European Integration
ECON 4388	History of Economic Thought

## Economics Faculty

Six full-time professors are directly involved in the economics programs. All professors hold Ph.D.s, earning their degrees from major universities in North America. The faculty is diverse, with members specializing in different fields of concentration, including money and banking, public finance, labor economics, environmental, sports economics, behavioral economics, and international economics.

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## Careers for Economics Majors

For many students, economics is the ideal general preparation for careers in law, finance, banking, journalism, education, administration, and other service industries.

According to *National Association of Colleges and Employers*, the average starting salary for graduates with a bachelor degree in economics during 2010 was \$50,200, which was the highest among all business majors. Economics graduates work in industries that include manufacturing, banking, insurance and retailing. Government agencies at all levels and the Federal Reserve employ economists to conduct research, and engage in planning and fact-finding activities.

For example, Presidents George Bush and Ronald Reagan majored in economics in college. So did Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, eBay CEO Meg Whitman, NFL Quarterback John Elway, Space Shuttle Commander Eileen Collins, CNN founder Ted Turner, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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