

## Economics

### At UW-Eau Claire

Economics may be the major for you if you have interests in areas such as economic development, social welfare and/or the environment. Our Economics program also offers solid preparation for law school or graduate studies in economics and other related areas. Knowledge of economic theory, history and institutions helps students understand important policy areas such as labor markets, banking, taxation, business cycles, health care, international trade and finance, environment, law, urban development and antitrust actions.

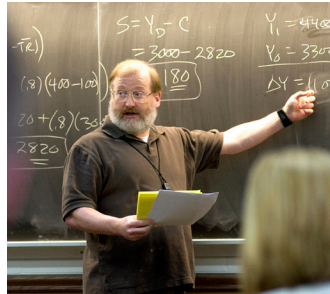
### Internship programs

Students gain on-the-job experience through an extensive professional internship program, as well as academic internships for students interested in pursuing graduate education. To aid you in the transition to employment or further education, the Economics department sponsors trips to area graduate schools, visits by individuals employed in economics-related occupations and alumni volunteers who serve as mentors.

### Faculty make the difference

Our faculty are proud of the individual attention they give our students. You'll learn in small class settings and get lots of one-on-one attention from professors who go out of their way to get to know you.

Business Economics students can work one-on-one with professors on fascinating research projects, gaining in-depth knowledge for their careers or graduate school. Our students gain real-world experience with work on projects through the economics department's Chippewa Valley



Center for Economic Research and Development, which provides expert analysis to businesses, government agencies and non-profits in the Eau Claire region.

Our faculty have in-depth experience in international economics. (For example, during a recent summer, six Economics faculty members pursued research interests abroad — two in Europe, three in Asia and one in Africa.) Based on this faculty experience, we offer several

courses with an international focus. In addition, our faculty members have led students in courses and research projects in Argentina, Nicaragua, Germany and China.

### Well paid

A recent study from the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University reported that lifetime earnings of economics graduates are higher, on average, than those with majors in other social science disciplines and many other fields.

### Cap it off

During the year prior to graduation, each economics student completes a capstone project that draws upon theory, practice and policy. Students have worked in teams to study issues like the economics of global warming, regional economic trends and public health initiatives.

*"The UW-Eau Claire economics department supported me as a learner, as a professional, and as an individual. The variety of courses, caring and motivated professors, and excellent student-faculty research opportunities prepared me well for life after graduation."*

— Laurelyn



### Our graduates

Typical positions held by Economics graduates include banker, forecaster, economic or business analyst, insurance underwriter, manager, community/economic developer and university professor.

### Places our grads go:

- *Credit Risk Manager*, The Swiss Colony, Monroe, WI
- *Senior Merchandise Planning Analyst*, Best Buy
- *Corporate Bond Representative*, Piper Jaffray, Minneapolis, MN
- *Technology Analyst*, Andersen Consulting, Minneapolis, MN
- *Policy Analyst*, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
- *President*, Northwestern Bank, Chippewa Falls, WI

## Majors

Economics, Liberal Arts:

Recommended for students interested in attending graduate/law school or starting non-business careers.

Business Economics\*:

Recommended for students who want a wide range of career options and want to start a career in business immediately after graduation. (Opportunities overlap with the above major.)

\*comprehensive major-requires no minor (offered in partnership with the College of Business)

Economics, teaching major:

Recommended for students interested in teaching with a 6-12 middle/secondary certification.

## Minors

Economics, Liberal Arts

Economics-teaching, which leads to a 6-12 middle/secondary certification

## Suggested freshman curriculum

Principles of Microeconomics\*\*

University Writing Requirement— depending on placement exam.

For test out options, see [uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout](http://uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout)

Humanities or social science elective

Foreign language and/or math

Principles of Macroeconomics\*\*

Principles of Accounting

Laboratory natural science course

\*\*Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics should both be taken in the first year. Students can start first with either course. Most upper-division economics courses list these as prerequisites.

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### Special program notes

The Economics Department offers three majors leading to degrees from three different Colleges. Each degree has distinct general education requirements as well as differing major requirements. Students should consult with an adviser early in their career to determine which major is best for them.  
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