



Career Options in **ECONOMICS**

Economists study how society uses its scarce resources to meet human needs. As an Economics major, you will learn how goods and services are produced and distributed to millions of people across the globe. You will survey such topics as how prices are set in competitive markets how consumers make rational decisions, how business firms produce goods most efficiently, small business and big business in America and globally, selected industry case studies, government regulation, mergers, and business policies, the reasons for wage differences across various occupations, what government does and how its programs can be evaluated, current economic issues like the environment and health care, what determines economic growth, unemployment, and inflation, what causes economic prosperity and recession, the role of banking, the money supply, and interest rates, taxes, government spending, deficits, and surpluses, the increasing importance of international trade.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS: Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of occupations related to this major. Specific requirements based on education level for each occupation may vary. For additional information and assistance, please speak with a Career Center Consultant.

Bachelor's Degree/Entry Level

Accountant
Business Sales
Loan Processor
Research Assistant
Wage and Salary Administrator
Teller
Credit Analyst
Marketing Associate
Research Assistants
Real Estate Lease Consultant

Advanced Degree/Experience Needed

Actuary
Auditor
Bank Officer
Business Forecaster
Chamber of Commerce Analyst
Commodities Trader
Economist
Urban/Regional Planner
Investment Counselor
Market Researcher

SAMPLE WORK SETTINGS:

Banks, Saving/Commercial Lending
Consulting Firms
Educational Institutions
Insurance Companies
Market Research Firms
Research & Development Firms

Business Corporations
Economic Research Firms
Federal & State Government
Investment Firms
Political Action Groups
Trade Associations

RELATED MAJOR SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS FOR ECONOMICS MAJORS:

Decision-making	Critical thinking	Supervision skills
Management skills	Skills in research and scientific methodology	Quantitative skills
Ethics and moral values	Ability to identify and analyze economic problems	Develop solutions
Interviewing skills	Written & presentation skills	Computer literacy

SAMPLE GW RESOURCES:

GW CAREER CENTER RESOURCES: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career/>

GWork: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/career>

Career Search: <http://www.careersearch.net/gwu>

GW DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION: <http://www.gwu.edu/~econ/>

Undergraduate Program Information: http://www.gwu.edu/~econ/ug_info.html

Graduate Program Information: http://www.gwu.edu/~econ/gr_info.htm

SAMPLE WEBSITES:

Career Planning Resources:

CareerPlanit - Career Profiles Search: www.careerplanit.com/resource/profile.asp

Career Exploration Links: www.uhs.berkeley.edu/Students/CareerLibrary/links/occup.cfm

Executive, Administrative, and Managerial Occupations: <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/oco1001.htm>

Economists and Marketing Research Analysts: <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos055.htm>

Job Search Resources:

Job Openings for Economists: <http://www.aeaweb.org/joe/>

Inomics: <http://www.inomics.com/cgi/job>

Chronicle Careers: <http://chronicle.com/jobs/>

Economics Research Network's Jobs: http://www.ssrn.com/update/ern/ernjob/ern_job.html

The QM&RBC Job Market: <http://dge.repec.org/jobs.html>

Professional Organizations & Associations:

American Economic Association <http://www.aeaweb.org/>

American Agricultural Economic Association <http://www.aaea.org/>

The American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association <http://www.areuea.org/>

Economic History Association <http://eh.net/eha>

National Association of Economic Educators <http://ecedweb.unomaha.edu/naee.htm>

Association for Evolutionary Economics <http://www.orgs.bucknell.edu/afee/>

National Association for County Community and Economic Development <http://www.nacced.org/>

National Association for Business Economics <http://www.nabe.com/>

Association of Southeast Asian Nations <http://www.aseansec.org/>

National Federation of Small Business Associations <http://www.chuokai.or.jp/english/>

National Congress for Community Economic Development <http://www.ncced.org/>

Asian American Economic Development Enterprises <http://www.aede.org/>

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