

## Welcome to Economics!

### Major Overview:

According to the American Economic Association, “Economics is the study of how people choose to use resources... economics includes the study of labor, land and investments, of money, income and production, and of taxes and government expenditures. Economists seek to measure well-being, to learn how well-being may increase over time and to evaluate the well-being of the rich and the poor.” To learn more click [AEA](https://www.aeaweb.org/students/WhatIsEconomics.php). [https://www.aeaweb.org/students/WhatIsEconomics.php]

The Economics Department offers a BA, three BS degrees and a minor. The BA provides undergraduates with comprehensive exposure to the principles and tools of economics. BS degrees with specializations in economic analysis, financial economics and economic policy analysis offer more focused curricula for undergraduates planning advanced study or careers in economics, financial analysis or government.

### Courses:

First-year students interested in learning more about economics are advised to take either *ECON 160: Microeconomics* or *ECON 162: Macroeconomics*. First-year students planning to major in economics are advised to take both courses — one each semester — and should also take a statistics course (either MATH 147 or MATH 148 or CQS 112 or ECON 366) and Calculus (either MATH 220 or MATH 224/225).

### Post-Graduation:

Economics majors gain a wide range of skills that are easily transferable to the world of work, including an ability to think analytically and logically, perform well in written and oral expression and conduct quantitative research. These skills enable students to pursue careers in a variety of fields.

According to the American Economic Association, “Economics majors are successful in a wide variety of careers. Although various roles in businesses are most common, economics majors are successful in law, medicine, government, non-profits and international relations, as well as in academic roles.” Click [careers](https://www.aeaweb.org/students/Careers.php) for more information. [https://www.aeaweb.org/students/Careers.php]

**Additional Resources:**

For further information about the Economics Department, the J.C. Liu Honors Program, major requirements and career and professional development, visit the links below:

[Department homepage](http://www.binghamton.edu/economics/) [http://www.binghamton.edu/economics/]

[Honors Thesis Program](http://binghamton.edu/economics/undergraduate/honors.html)

[http://binghamton.edu/economics/undergraduate/honors.html]

[Major requirements](http://www.binghamton.edu/economics/undergraduate/index.html)

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[Career and Professional Development](http://www.binghamton.edu/ccpd/) [http://www.binghamton.edu/ccpd/]

**Research Areas:**

The Department of Economics does not sponsor internships. Students interested in taking an internship are encouraged to consult with the Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development. The J.C. Liu Honors Thesis Program is named in honor of the late Jung-Chao Liu, professor of economics. It is a three-semester program comprised of: ECON 490, Intermediate Research Seminar, taken in spring of junior year ECON 498, Honors Research Design, taken in fall of senior year ECON 499, Honors Thesis, taken in spring of senior year

Honors students who write a thesis are able to work closely one-on-one with a faculty member they choose on a topic of interest to them.

**Thank you!**

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