

Economics

Learning Goals

1. To access existing knowledge by retrieving, assembling, and organizing information on particular topics and issues in economics.
2. To display command of existing knowledge by explaining key economic theories and concepts and describing how they can be used.
3. To interpret and apply existing knowledge.
4. To interpret and manipulate quantitative data.
5. To create new knowledge by identifying and formulating a question or series of questions about some economic issue that will facilitate its investigation.
6. To quest for knowledge and understanding.

About the major

Our department offers a wide array of courses designed to provide insight into how the world works. Covering topics as diverse as natural resource management, urban poverty, and international integration, our curriculum exposes students to the basic tools of economic analysis and develops their critical reasoning and expository skills.

Majors in economics must enroll in six core courses that are organized in three, two-semester blocks: introductory macro- and microeconomics; a quantitative sequence in statistics and regression analysis; and macro- and microeconomic theory. In addition, majors must take at least four electives, two of which must be at the senior-seminar level.

As one of the core social science disciplines, our department also serves students from across several popular interdisciplinary programs, including international politics and economics, environmental studies, and international studies.

“As a product manager, nothing has been more important in my career than the empathy, curiosity, and critical thinking skills I developed studying economics and Chinese at Middlebury.”

—Stefan Claypool '09
Product Manager, Paypal

Reasons you might choose this major

- You are interested in the social and economic forces responsible for the world around us.
- You are fascinated by the role of economics in the development of societies, nations, and governments.
- You are analytical, excited to develop problem-solving skills, and eager to work with both empirical and nonempirical sources.
- You are inspired to collect your own data or design your own studies.
- You have an interest in major social issues, both national and international, and seek to understand and apply your expertise from an economic lens.
- You are interested in business, as both a subject of analysis and a possible career.



Translating Learning into Professional Competencies

Throughout your time at Middlebury, you will develop and enhance the following core professional competencies, skills, and dispositions highly valued by employers that will prepare you for leadership and success in any given field:

Critical Thinking: Exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems.

Oral/Written Communications: Articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral forms.

Teamwork/Collaboration: Build collaborative relationships with colleagues and customers from diverse backgrounds.

Leadership: Leverage the strengths of others to achieve common goals, and use interpersonal skills to coach and develop others.

Professionalism/Work Ethic: Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits.

Global/Intercultural Fluency: Value, respect, and learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and religions.

Digital Technology: Leverage existing digital technologies ethically and efficiently to solve problems, complete tasks, and accomplish goals.

Career Management: Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge, and experiences relevant to career goals, and identify areas necessary for professional development.

Where economics majors go

Applying your learning through internships . . .

Students pursue internships and research in a variety of fields, enabling them to apply their liberal arts learning in real-world settings. Internships, research, and self-directed projects enrich your academic experience and help prepare you for life after Middlebury. Students have interned or done research at the following:

Consortium for Energy Efficiency

J Street Companies

Lease Corporation International

Lufax (Shanghai LuJiaZui International Financial Asset Exchange)

Analysis Group

New Jersey Devils

Entrepreneurs Roundtable Accelerator

Emich Volkswagen

MTN Capital Partners

United States Department of the Treasury

Nyanga Fisheries LTD

American Enterprise Institute

Independent Project-Share to Wear

Barclays Capital

Inter-American Development Bank

Liberty Global Ventures Group

ScanTrust SA

Ananta Apparels

Bridges Ventures

Winooski Opportunities Credit Union

Thomson Reuters

. . . leading to meaningful, dynamic, and engaging career paths.

See just some of the many interesting ways our graduates have applied their liberal arts learning to engage the world. If you want to see what other Middlebury alumni are doing now, log into Midd2Midd and search by major. go/midd2midd

Amazon, *Global Head of Business Intelligence*

Tesla, *Senior Product Manager*

World Bank, *Senior Economist, Statistician*

Google, *Head of VC & Startups, Android + Google Play*

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, *Policy Officer*

New England Patriots, *Assistant Controller*

Nike, *Manager, Global Supply Chain Innovation*

Partners Healthcare, *Senior Analyst, Population Health Management Financial Analytics*

CNN Money, *Vice President and General Manager*

American Natural Gas, *Cofounder and CEO*

Vertigo Entertainment, *Creative Executive*

See's Candies, Inc., *Chief Financial Officer*

Standard & Poor's, *Director, Structured Finance Ratings*

Physician's Computer Company, *Director of Pediatric Solutions*

Guggenheim Museum, *Chief Technology Officer*

U.S. Department of Treasury, *Director of Macroeconomic Analysis*

The Nature Conservancy, *Impact Investing*

DaMina Advisors LLP, *Global Managing Director and Chief Frontier Markets Analyst*

Census Bureau, *Economist, Health and Disability Statistics Branch*

Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), *Director of Planning*

Goldman Sachs, *Vice President, Equities-Securities Services*

Securities and Exchange Commission, *Offices of the Commissioners, Senior Advisor to the Chair*

Bain Capital LLC, *Vice President, Investor Relations*