Economics

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.

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.

“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

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.
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

...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

- 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
- 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