



Economics

Jesuit-educated economists are able to analyze economic problems and determine solutions that will have a positive impact on their communities. Knowing the principles underlying supply and demand, competition, and market structures is essential to resolving the socioeconomic inequalities that exist today. One great reason to study economics is that the knowledge and skills of the discipline are very useful in any career. Organizations of all types increasingly recognize the importance of having personnel who possess a broad background in economics.

THE PROGRAM

The College of Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the School of Business Administration, offers two degree options in economics. The economics professors at Gonzaga are faculty members in the School of Business Administration, but economics majors are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences and will fulfill its degree requirements for graduation.

The **Bachelor of Arts degree** offers students a strong foundation in economics for careers in business or public policy, as well as for advanced study in law or business. The **Bachelor of Science degree** includes, along with studies in economics, extensive coursework in mathematics. This degree option provides the best preparation for graduate study in economics and careers requiring strong quantitative skills. Alternatively, students who want to study business, but are also interested in economics, may **major in Business Administration with a concentration in economics** through the School of Business Administration.

Courses apply economic principles to the analysis of monetary and fiscal policy, environmental problems, taxation and government spending, antitrust policy and government regulation, economic globalization, health care systems, labor markets, and income inequality. One distinguishing aspect of the program is how it involves students in economic experiments for both classroom instruction and faculty research. Third- and fourth-year students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average may do an internship as part of their major and may be eligible for membership in Omicron Delta Epsilon, the national honor society in economics.

OUTCOMES

A variety of career opportunities await Gonzaga economics graduates. Positions exist in for-profit and non-profit enterprises, as well as in government, in roles such as analysts, business news reporters, consultants, and educators. Program alumni also pursue graduate studies in a variety of fields at prestigious institutions.

Employers of Recent Economics Graduates

- American Airlines
- D.A. Davidson
- Liberty Mutual
- Portland General Electric
- The Regence Group
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Spokane Teachers Credit Union
- United States Army
- United States Department of Justice
- Watson Wyatt Worldwide

Economics Graduate Programs

- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- George Mason University
- Michigan State University
- University of Colorado, Denver
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Wisconsin
- University of New Mexico

M.B.A./M.Acc.

- Gonzaga University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- Washington State University

Law School

- Georgetown University
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- University of Arizona
- University of Denver
- University of Washington
- Willamette University

Some students pursue graduate studies in other disciplines, such as finance at the University of Southern California, international finance at Brandeis University, and international relations at Georgetown University.

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