Economics

Jesuit-educated economists are able to analyze economic problems and determine solutions that will have a positive impact on their communities. At Gonzaga, we focus on offering rigorous courses in cutting edge areas of Economics, putting a priority on data analysis and dissemination, two increasingly important skill sets for employers. The Economics Department at Gonzaga offers specialty courses one would find in a larger school, yet our size provides students with more one-on-one teaching, attention, and advising.

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.

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.

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.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Economics Department offers 3 degree options for students:

- Bachelor of Arts - Economics
- Bachelor of Science - Economics
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Concentration in Economics

Economics courses at Gonzaga apply economic principles to:

- Analysis of monetary and fiscal policy
- Antitrust policy and government regulation
- Economic globalization
- Environmental problems
- Health care systems
- Income inequality
- Labor markets
- Taxation and government spending
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. A list of institutions that Gonzaga graduates have attended can be seen below.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Economics Graduate Programs
- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- George Mason University
- Michigan State University
- University of Colorado
- University of New Mexico
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Wisconsin

Masters in Business Administration/Masters in Accounting
- Gonzaga University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- Washington State 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.

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

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

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