

# ECONOMICS

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

If you enjoy thinking logically, economics may be the major for you. While exploring the way the economic works and how markets change and adjust, you will develop your critical thinking and reasoning. Faculty members in Capital's economics program believe strongly that economics students must have a thorough background in the liberal arts. This major provides careful preparation in economic theory and work in applied fields of economic study. Double majors are often possible and strongly encouraged. Many students choose to pair an economics major with a computer science or math major, but these are not the only possibilities.

## CAREERS AND PLACEMENT

Many of Capital's economics majors go on to graduate school, either in economics or as preparation for careers as professional economists, or in law, business, or public administration. Some graduates enter the business sector directly, with placement possible at almost any kind of firm. Economics majors are often recruited by banks, insurance companies, and the public sector. A graduate degree is often needed for employment as a professional economist in the public sector, and a doctorate is usually needed for employment at universities or international organizations such as the World Bank or IMF. Recent Capital economics graduates have been accepted into graduate programs in economics and other areas, including law schools and MBA programs, with substantial scholarships by universities such as Cornell, Florida State, Ohio State, West Virginia, and Vanderbilt.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Economics students are encouraged to study abroad.

## AS A GRADUATE, YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO:

- Describe the major fields and theories within political science and economics, the origins of the disciplines, and the contribution of the disciplines in understanding society
- Reason logically about and critically evaluate issues in the respective disciplines, as well identify key assumptions
- Correctly classify relationships according to theoretical models or concepts and clearly identify key parts of an argument
- Use appropriate data to illustrate concepts
- Recommend actions based on policy objectives
- Articulate the moral implications of choices
- Communicate clearly with various audiences in writing, orally, and with technology

## WHAT ARE OUR GRADS DOING NOW?

- Pursuing a Ph.D.
- Attending Law School
- CIA Employee
- Tenure Track Economics Professor
- Economist
- Data Analyst
- Corporate Lawyer
- Financial Services Research
- Department of Labor Employee

## Four-Year Sample Schedule of an Economics Major

### First Year Fall

15-18 credit hours  
ECON 101 Macroeconomic Principles  
MATH 215 Elementary Stats  
Signature Learning  
Signature Learning

### Second Year Fall

15-18 credit hours  
ECON 320 Intermediate Microeconomics  
Economics Elective  
Signature Learning  
Signature Learning  
Signature Learning

### Third Year Fall

15-18 credit hours  
Economics Elective  
Signature Learning  
Elective\*  
Elective\*  
Elective\*

### Fourth Year Fall

15-18 credit hours  
Signature Learning  
Elective\*  
Elective\*  
Elective\*  
Elective\*

### Freshman Spring

15-18 credit hours  
ECON 115 Microeconomic Principles  
MATH 230 Calculus I  
Signature Learning  
Signature Learning  
Signature Learning

### Sophomore Spring

15-18 credit hours  
ECON 326 Intermediate Macroeconomics  
Economics Elective  
Signature Learning  
Signature Learning  
Elective\*

### Junior Spring

15-18 credit hours  
Economics Elective  
Signature Learning  
Elective\*  
Elective\*  
Elective\*

### Senior Spring

15-18 credit hours  
Elective\*  
Elective\*  
Elective\*  
Elective\*

All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.

\*Or other required courses if pursuing a double major or minor

