



Department of Economics

WHAT DO ECONOMISTS DO?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

Economists study the production and distribution of resources, goods, and services by collecting and analyzing data, researching trends, and evaluating economic issues.

Economists apply both qualitative and quantitative economic analysis to topics within a variety of fields, such as education, health, development, and the environment. Some economists study the cost of products, healthcare, or energy, while others examine employment levels, business cycles, exchange rates, taxes, inflation, or interest rates.

Economists often study historical trends and use them to make forecasts. They research and analyze data using a variety of software programs. They sometimes present their research to various audiences.

2021 MEDIAN PAY FOR ECONOMISTS

\$105,630

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor,
www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/economists.htm



WHY GET AN ECONOMICS DEGREE AT UT?

For motivated students, the UT Economics Department delivers a unique academic adventure where abstract concepts meet concrete examples to deliver a world-class education that is grounded in theory but focused on reality.

Our graduates have found career opportunities in a wide range of fields. UT economics alumni have also gone on to pursue graduate studies in economics, finance, law, public policy, and international affairs at elite universities worldwide. The notable and wide-ranging successes attained by our alumni highlight the economics degree's inherent flexibility and its ability to deliver a well-rounded education.

ECONOMICS DEGREE OPTIONS AT UT

Our multiple degree offerings (B.A. in Economics, B.S. in Economics, and B.S. in International Business and Economics) are known for their rigor and high quality. While both the B.S. and the B.A. degrees share the same core coursework in economics, the B.S. requires the entire business core curriculum. The business core courses provide students in the B.S. program with a modern integrated business curriculum that includes broad exposure to each of the functional areas of business (accounting, finance, information technology, management and marketing) to accompany their solid foundation in economics. The B.A. program is designed for students who want a broad exposure to economics without being required to take specialized courses in business. Students may also major in international business and economics. This option couples the B.S. in Economics with the international business curriculum.

The minor in economics (20 credit hours of economics coursework) can complement a major in accounting, finance, international business, marketing, mathematics, psychology and other areas.

FACULTY PROFILES



**ROBERT
BEEKMAN, Ph.D.**
**Chair/Associate
Professor, Economics**

Robert Beekman teaches courses in organizational economics, environmental economics and global business. Previously he worked as an economist or the Environmental Protection Agency. His research interests include experimental and environmental economics, international trade, distributional effects of public policy and consumer response to risk information.



**VIVEKANAND
JAYAKUMAR, Ph.D.**
**Associate Professor,
Economics**

Vivekanand Jayakumar's areas of specialization include Macroeconomics, International Finance, Monetary Economics, and Economic Growth. At UT, he teaches Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis, Economics of Emerging Markets, Monetary Economics, and the Seminar in Economics.

To maintain close engagement with the policy and business world, Dr. Jayakumar regularly writes opinion columns on a variety of topics for national outlets like The Hill. He has also been invited to offer regular updates on US and global economic conditions by numerous organizations.



**JOHN
STINESPRING, Ph.D.**
Professor, Economics

John Stinespring specializes in microeconomic behaviors ranging from tax avoidance and religious affiliation to the peer effects of college roommates and the intersection of economics and morality as described by the discipline's founder, Adam Smith. These career specialties fall under the subfields of Behavioral Economics, Economics of Religion, Dynamic Scoring, and Adam Smith studies. In addition to this research, Stinespring creates the biannual forecast for the Tampa Bay Economy which examines local spending, labor and housing trends.

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Robert Beekman
Leon Hoke
John Stinespring
Cagdas Agirdas
Garfield Blake
Karla Borja
Michael Coon
Daniel Diaz Vidal
Abigail Hall Blanco
Vivekanand Jayakumar

Aaron Wood
Olga Petrova
Thomas Stockwell
Maryam Aljahani
John Dorrel
Stefani Milovanska-Farrington
Christopher Roby
Suzanne Dieringer



UT ECONOMICS COURSE OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

ECO 300: Labor Economics
ECO 310: Environmental Economics and Management
ECO 315: International Economic Development
ECO 320: Intermediate Microeconomics
ECO 321: Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis
ECO 340: Game Theory
ECO 355: Economic History
ECO 360: Health Economics
ECO 420: Public Choice and the Economics of Politics
ECO 421: Mathematical Economics
ECO 430: International Economics and Finance
ECO 432: Economics of Emerging Markets
ECO 435: Forecasting
ECO 442: Monetary Economics
ECO 460: Econometrics
ECO 461: Seminar in Economics (Capstone Course)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Select economics students are invited to join and participate in the **Adam Smith Society**, a University of Tampa honors society that provides formal interaction with working economists in the field, both regionally and nationally.

Economics students are encouraged to join UT's chapter of **Delta Sigma Pi**, an international business fraternity. Qualified students also are invited to join the **Beta Gamma Sigma** national business honor society for AACSB-accredited schools. Both organizations offer guest speakers, seminars and field trips, as well as professional development, guidance and networking.

All economics majors are welcome to join the UT chapter of **Omicron Delta Epsilon**, an international economics honors society.

HONORS PROGRAMS

Eligible students are invited to participate in **UT's Honors Program**, which fosters a close-knit atmosphere among the most inquisitive, intellectually spirited, and enterprising students. Innovative courses and one-on-one tutorials promote learning in ways that go beyond the classroom and regular coursework.

Top juniors and seniors are invited to join **Phi Kappa Phi**, a prestigious and highly selective national all-discipline honor society.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS MAJOR?

Economics majors can find suitable jobs in the finance sector, in various federal, state and local government institutions, in research organizations or consulting firms, and in a wide range of business enterprises. A master's degree is usually required for higher-level research and government positions. A Ph.D. is necessary for top economist positions in most organizations.

Economics majors may pursue a variety of specializations, with career choices in both governments and the private sector. Government employs about half of all economists in a wide range of federal, state and local agencies. Jobs are available with the Federal Trade Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, Departments of Commerce and Labor and Federal Reserve. In the private sector, positions can be found in banking and finance, forecasting and planning, and in the brokerage and insurance businesses.

In recent years, students who majored in economics at UT have gone on to undertake graduate studies at elite American and International Universities, including Oxford University, Kings College London, University of Warwick, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Yale University, University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins University, Brandeis University, Boston University, University of Toronto, University of Miami School of Law, University of Virginia Law School, and George Washington Law School. Other graduates have found positions with the U.S. Congress, U.S. Treasury Department, Federal Reserve Bank, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, World Bank, Citi and Bank of America.

ALUMNA PROFILE



VERONICA MERCIER '17

B.A. Economics and
B.S. Mathematics,
May 2017,
University of Tampa
M.A. in Economics,
George Mason University

Veronica Mercier is a Forensic Equity Analyst at CFRA Research. She conducts in-depth financial analysis and qualitative review of public-facing companies to produce custom reports for clients. Prior to joining CFRA in May of 2019, Veronica worked as a Student Economist in the Division of Insurance and Research at the FDIC where she conducted banking research.

"The Economics department equipped me with the "economic" way of thinking about the world and readily accessible frameworks to analyze events. In addition, coursework such as econometrics and statistics provided an understanding of data collection and modeling. Thus, upon graduation I had the tools necessary to conduct quality research for a wide variety of end applications. In my current role, I prepare research identifying equities with near-term catalysts for underperformance by conducting in-depth analysis of financial statements. The research approach I formed at UT has provided a solid foundation as I have gained more in-depth knowledge in my industry."

FEATURED STUDENTS



ANGELINA YOUNGS '22

Major: B.S. in Economics

Activities: Adam Smith Society member, Delta Sigma Pi Vice President of Chapter Operations ('21-22), Vice President of Community Service ('20-21)

"Intermediate Macroeconomics and Seminar in Economics, led by Dr. Jayakumar, were the two classes that solidified my interest in the field. These classes tremendously advanced my understanding of the theoretical framework of economics [and its relevance for deciphering] real-world developments. They also equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the field. These classes were pivotal to my professional growth and success at the University of Tampa.

The Economics Department made certain that I was well-informed on current economic developments and urged me to "think like an economist." The department also took interest in my academic and professional growth. These together have made the transition to the professional world a seamless endeavor."



MADELAINE LAUGER '23

Major: B.S. in Economics and B.S. in Environmental Science

Honors: Academic Presidential Scholarship, Women's Swimming Scholarship, Dean's List, Honors Program

"If a student is intellectually curious about world markets and human behavior and how they both impact our lives, they would love Economics. There is quite a bit of research and writing, as well as mathematical aptitude, that is required of economics majors, but the topics are so interesting that it makes it all worthwhile.

The knowledge I gained and the connections I fostered within the Economics department led me to an ESG (Environmental, Sustainability, and Growth) internship during Summer 2022. I was able to work for a boutique ESG consulting firm that supports Fortune 10 companies; this experience was invaluable and allowed me to use the knowledge and skills I have gained through my economics courses."

“ One thing that surprised me about the economics major was the close relationships I established with the professors. They really invested a lot of their time into my learning and for that I am very appreciative. ”

–**Trevor Kattenberg** (B.A. Economics and B.S. Physics, May 2021, University of Tampa; M.A. Applied Economics, December 2022, University of Michigan)

RECENT PLACEMENTS

Emiliann Palermo (B.S. Economics & Minor in Spanish, December 2022) had an internship with HSBC (Markets & Securities Services Summer Analyst) in New York during Summer 2022. Following graduation in December 2022, she started working full-time at HSBC as a Markets & Securities Services Graduate Analyst.

Angelina Youngs (B.S. Economics, December 2022) had an internship (Pricing Analyst Intern) with RMS (Revenue Management Solutions) during Summer 2022. Following graduation in December 2022, she started working full-time as an Analyst at RMS.

Noah Doble (BS Economics, May 2022) passed his CFA Level 1 exam during his senior year at UT. Following graduation, he started full-time work as a Credit Analyst in the Institutional Fixed Income Management group at Mesirow in Chicago.

Joni Padden (BA Economics & Minor in Political Science, December 2021) is working as a Field Economist at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, while also pursuing a Master of Public Administration at Northeastern University in Boston.

Rachel Warden (BS Economics, May 2020) went on to complete a MS Finance degree from Loyola University Chicago and is currently working as a Senior Investment Analyst at PlanPilot in Chicago.



To learn more about UT's Department of Economics, contact professor **Robert Beekman** at rbeekman@ut.edu.