

MAJOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

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See all major requirements at: www.jjay.cuny.edu/economics-major-resources

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

Economics follows human beings as they strive to fulfill their aspirations within different social and physical environments, notably via the production of commodities, their distribution and consumption, and the elaborations of institutions to organize these three processes. Courses in economics enable students to improve their writing, analytical, and research skills. John Jay economics majors will not only learn mainstream economics, but also alternative theoretical perspectives. The economics major at John Jay will equip students to critically evaluate how society and government policies affect their daily lives. The Economics Program is designed to offer students an interdisciplinary approach to the understanding and analysis of economic issues. The faculty members work with students, preparing them to be ethical contributors to society. They help develop students' critical thinking, communication and quantitative skills to give them an advantage in the workforce, or continuing their education.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ■■■

Learn the tools to analyze the problems plaguing society

Learn to critically evaluate economic/social phenomena from multiple theoretical perspectives

Learn to communicate effectively

Learn to analyze and critique government policies with particular attention to social injustices

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR ■■■

Economics 101, Introduction to Economics and Global Capitalism, is the prerequisite for most Economics classes.

ECO 105: Understanding Economic Data

ECO 220: Intermediate Macroeconomics

ECO 225: Intermediate Microeconomics

ECO 213: Political Economy

ECO 255: Statistics for Economists

“I would like to emphasize the accessibility and responsiveness of the Economics Department. The faculty is always willing to assist and guide a student on every step in his/her educational process.”

— Katsiaryna Stserynzat
Economics Major, Class of 2011 Valedictorian

“Capitalism tries for a delicate balance: It attempts to work things out so that everyone gets just enough stuff to keep them from getting violent and trying to take other people’s stuff.”

— Comedian, George Carlin

WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- The ability to take complicated problems and break them down to their constituent parts, and use this knowledge to make predictions about future events.
- The Economics program at John Jay is quite unique because of the variety and scope of the courses in the major. Every course helps you develop critical thinking skills in different ways.

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Just about any minor complements a major in Economics, because this is a discipline that affects almost every aspect of our lives.

For more information about minors, go to:

www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- The Economics Club
- Omicron Delta Epsilon honor society
- Internships
- Peer Tutoring
- Preparation for Graduate School
- Award Winning Faculty

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

- **Activism/advocacy:** Wherever your passions take you, that cause will need persuasive voices. Possessing the authority of a background in economics will strengthen your voice.
- **The Law:** Nearly all aspects of law and legal work need dedicated people with an understanding of economic principles.
- **Public Sector:** The number one professional degree found in the Washington D.C. area is law (no big surprise). Number two is ECONOMICS! John Jay’s Economics program can prepare you for both!
- **Business:** Business leaders need a sound understanding of economics. More importantly, they need a multi-perspective education in economics so they can operate their business for profit without damaging the rest of society. John Jay Economics delivers practicality infused with a strong sense of justice.