Bachelor of Arts in Economics

ABOUT THE B.A. IN ECONOMICS
In order to fully comprehend underlying forces in the fields of business, finance, government and politics, and international relations, as well as the global challenges of economic development, world poverty, climate change, and war and peace, a solid understanding of economics is needed. Economics is the language and logic of the modern world, part of every serious decision-making process at every level. In an increasingly global and dynamic market, professionals with analytical training in economics are more in demand than ever.

Prepare for careers in this exciting field with the 126-credit Bachelor of Arts in Economics at St. John’s University, offered by St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The program offers courses taught by faculty from The Peter J. Tobin College of Business, providing you with acclaimed resources from two outstanding University divisions. This program is unique in its ability to draw from the SJU faculty’s broad and diverse academic and professional background, with a particular emphasis on the ethical dimensions of the field, reflecting the Vincentian values of the University mission.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN ECONOMICS?
The B.A. program in Economics at St. John’s prepares you for careers in business, consulting, law, education, public policy, and other areas where analysis of complex dynamic questions is required. The program combines strong foundational courses from The Peter J. Tobin College of Business with the broader contextual perspective of humanities and social science courses in St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, allowing you to develop a thorough understanding of both theory and practice.

The study of economics provides rigorous training in analytical decision-making on social problems, and will help you prepare for law school or other graduate study, especially in areas related to public policy. Alumni of the economics program at SJU find jobs as professional economists, consultants in major corporations across industries, as well as in central banks, governments, international development agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other organizations around the world.
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
By majoring in economics at St. John’s University, you will gain a solid foundation in the theory and application of economic concepts and principles. Learn from and be mentored by an internationally-renowned faculty of scholar-teachers who care about each student’s progress and career prospects. Representing a diverse palette of schools of thought in economics, many of our faculty members also draw from their real-world experience working as economists advising leading global corporations, central banks, and governments.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Gain a strong academic and professional edge by joining SJU’s Omicron Delta Epsilon economics honor society chapter, which recognizes scholastic achievement in the field and connects students to career, internship, and networking opportunities. Interact with your peers and recent alumni and discuss recent trends in global macroeconomics by joining and participating in the many events organized by the student-run Economics and Finance Society.

As a St. John’s student, you’ll have the advantage of our location in dynamic New York City, an international hub of banking and finance. Our faculty members, along with University Career Services, maintain strong ties to employers and other professional and educational resources throughout the New York area. Add a global dimension to your education through our extensive study abroad courses and internship offerings during the academic year, as well as the winter and summer semesters.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
St. John’s University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than $500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards highly competitive academic scholarships. For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit stjohns.edu/services/financial.