WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEPAUL MAJOR IN ECONOMICS?

Economics majors obtain a theoretical background necessary to understand business and policy issues, in addition to the quantitative and analytical skills necessary to evaluate these issues constructively. Graduates can be employed in the private, public, and non-profit sectors, or continue with advanced studies in business, law, and economics. There are three potential academic options for those with an interest in majoring or minoring in Economics. One route is obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Business in the Driehaus College of Business. The economics major in the College of Business combines the study of economics with the related business fields of accountancy, finance, marketing and management. The second option is to major within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to earn a BA in economics. BA students are not required to take the core business courses and may choose to combine economics with the study of math, language or another social science. The third route extends BSB or BA studies by one year to then obtain a Master’s of Economics within the Bachelor’s/Master’s Policy Analysis degree program. The Master’s program enhances student’s quantitative skills which can be utilized in conducting policy analysis within government or in private sector employment.

To learn more and hear stories straight from alumni who concentrated their studies in this area visit ask.depaul.edu!

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I CAN GO INTO... AND POSSIBLY WORK FOR... DOING THIS CAN HELP ME GET THERE...

- Micro/Macro
- Financial
- International
- Organizational or Industrial
- Demographic or Labor
- Public Finance
- Econometrics
- Commercial Business
- Research Analysis
- Policy Advising
- Forecasting
- Data Collection

Sharpen Your Skills
- Develop excellent quantitative, analytical, and computer skills along with verbal and written communication skills for describing findings to people with less technical backgrounds.
- Gain experience with survey design and working with large amounts of data.

Gain Experience
- Look for entry-level positions, such as Research or Economics Assistant, openings in government agencies. Do know more opportunities for advancement increase for candidates with graduate degrees and some roles in government or higher education require doctoral degrees.
- Approximately 50% of economists work for the federal government.
- Complete an internship with a government agency or market research firm.

Additional Strategies
- Economists can specialize in a particular industry such as healthcare, transportation, or energy. Nearly all industries employ economists.
### CAREER AREAS
- Banking and Finance
- Education
- Insurance

### POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS
- **BANKING AND FINANCE**
  - Credit Analysts
  - Financial Analysts
  - Trust Services
  - Retail or Consumer Banking
  - Lending
  - Mortgage Loans
- **EDUCATION**
  - Teaching
  - Research
- **INSURANCE**
  - Risk Management
  - Underwriting
  - Loss Control
  - Actuarial Science
  - Sales
  - Claims

### JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES
- Sharpen Your Skills
  - Develop a solid business background in finance, accounting and marketing.
  - Develop interpersonal and communication skills in order to work with diverse clientele.
- Gain Experience
  - Get involved with investment clubs or serve as a treasurer for various student organizations.
  - For investment banking opportunities, consider earning an MBA.
  - Gain critical and relevant experience through interning within a bank or financial service firm.

### SAMPLE EMPLOYERS WHO RECRUIT AT DEPAUL
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- State of Illinois
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Jones Lang LaSalle

### SAMPLE POSITIONS POSTED AT DEPAUL
- Loan Officer
- Credit Analyst
- Financial Advisor
- Client Service Associate

### SAMPLE POSITIONS
- **BANKING AND FINANCE**
  - Commercial banks
  - Credit unions
  - Financial Service Institution
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### SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
- Maintain a high GPA and build strong faculty relationships, look at the 4+1 program at DePaul where after an additional year you can get your Masters in Economics with Double Demon discounted tuition.

### GAIN EXPERIENCE
- Earn a Ph.D. to teach in post-secondary institutions or to work and be competitive for government jobs.
- Gain critical and relevant experience through interning within a bank or financial service firm.

### INSURANCE
- Risk Management
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### SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
- Talk to professionals in the industry to learn more about claims, underwriting, and risk management. Many entry-level positions exist in these areas.
- For actuary science, plan to take a series of actuarial exams to gain licensure from either the Society of Actuaries or the Casualty Actuarial Society. Most actuaries take these exams while working full-time, and the process takes several years.

### GAIN EXPERIENCE
- Complete an internship with an insurance agency, e.g. Allstate.
- For investment banking opportunities, consider earning an MBA.
- Gain critical and relevant experience through interning within a bank or financial service firm.

### SAMPLE POSITIONS
- **BANKING AND FINANCE**
  - Loan Officer
  - Credit Analyst
  - Financial Advisor
  - Client Service Associate
- **EDUCATION**
  - Professor
  - Adjunct Faculty
  - Research Assistant
  - High School Teacher
  - Economics Research Assistant
- **INSURANCE**
  - Claims Analyst
  - Actuarial Assistant
  - Benefit Processor
  - Insurance Agent
  - Underwriter
  - Risk Control Intern
  - Claims Legal Student Intern
  - Actuarial Intern