



Exploring Academic Departments – September 2018

ECONOMICS

WHAT IS ECONOMICS?

× Macroeconomics

- + Output and income
- + Fiscal and monetary policy
- + Aggregate financial, labor, and goods markets

× Microeconomics

- + Individual decisions: consumers, firms
- + Markets: competition, oligopoly, monopoly
- + Public vs. private goods, externalities

BEGINNING ECONOMICS AT ST. OLAF

	My experience in economics is:		
Interested in:	Maybe a high school course but no AP/IB/transfer credit	Credit for either macro- or microeconomics, but not both	Credit for both macro- and microeconomics
...majoring in economics	Economics 121	Economics 121	Level II Analysis Course (Econ 200-249)
...taking some more economics and maybe majoring	Economics 121	Economics 121	Level II Analysis Course (Econ 200-249)
...taking more economics but not thinking about majoring	Economics 111 or 113 in Interim	Economics 121	Level II Analysis Course (Econ 200-249)

THE ECONOMICS MAJOR

- × Three Core Courses: Econ 261, 262, 263
 - + Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Statistics for Economics
- × Four Economics Analysis Courses
 - + Level II: Econ 200-249
 - + Level III: Econ 371-385, 399
- × An optional area of emphasis

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- × International Economic Analysis and Policy
- × Finance
- × Management

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

- × Economics department course:
 - + Econ 218: Economic Progress in China
- × Popular St. Olaf programs:
 - + London School of Economics (LSE)
 - + Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)
 - + Oxford University – Harris Manchester College

DISTINCTION IN ECONOMICS

- × Path 1: An outstanding economic research project
- × Path 2: Three A papers in economic analysis
- × Eleven students graduated with “Distinction in Economics” in the class of 2018.

ACTIVITIES

- × Omicron Delta Epsilon, honorary society
- × Speaker series
- × Career and graduate school panels
- × Bowling and campus golf
- × Senior picnic

AFTER ST. OLAF

What do Ole econ majors do after St. Olaf?

Whatever they want!

Teach economics, practice law, start a company,
work in government, be a consultant, ...

Where they do it:

Washington, New York City, Minneapolis, Hanoi,
London.....

Where do you want to go?

QUESTIONS?

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