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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS &
BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES



**FOR ECONOMICS AND
QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS
MAJORS & BUSINESS AND
MANAGEMENT STUDIES
CONCENTRATORS**

This newsletter will update you on new faces and courses, upcoming events, and other developments in the Economics Department and Business and Management Studies Program.



WELCOME

Professor Hodgson, Chair of the Economics Department



We have kicked off the year with some great learning opportunities for our majors and concentrators. The Economics Research Fellowship program is underway, we hosted a wonderful guest lecturer, Dr. Atheen Venkataramani, earlier this month, and our fabulous honor society, Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) is working in partnership with Women in Economics & Allies (WEA) to bring you monthly workshops and events.

I encourage you to get involved. This newsletter will keep you informed about the important activities, dates, and events of the department.

Professor Christie, Business and Management Studies Program Director



We are excited to start the new year with a new name: Business and Management Studies. We changed the name of the program from "management studies" to "business and management studies" for two main reasons:

1. It is more representative of all the courses we offer; and
2. It is potentially a more marketable credential.

By the Numbers

Economics majors

42 Seniors; 52 Juniors; 14 Sophomores;
2 First Years

Quantitative Economics majors

46 Seniors; 37 Juniors; 22 Sophomores;
1 First Year

Business and Management Studies concentrators

33 Seniors; 41 Juniors; 17 Sophomores;
1 First Year

18 Faculty

This won't result in any change to our Economics majors pursuing a finance or management emphasis but students pursuing any other major (not Economics) who declare the Business and Management Studies concentration will now begin with BUS 110: Fundamentals of Business instead of ECON 121: Principles of Economics.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you in our classes soon.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Fiona Boskovic, '25 Computer Science and Business and Management concentrator

A junior computer science major from Seattle, Washington, Fiona acknowledges her tech hub upbringing as a factor for her future goals. Her older brother is studying computer science at Carleton and younger brother Daniel is a first-year student at St. Olaf.

Outside of classwork, Fiona has thrown herself into many extracurricular activities. She plays on the club hockey team and is in the student boxing club. Leadership roles include president of the Pamilya Pinoy Club (authentic Filipino food is a perk!), she is vice president for Women in STEM, and on the boards of Linux Ladies and the Video Game & Animation Club. To keep her musical thirst sated, Fiona plays the harp for the Norseman Band and the student-run ensemble Synergy. If that wasn't enough, she also works for MarCom.

When researching schools, Fiona was drawn to liberal arts and business schools, and she was happy to find just the right combination at St. Olaf. Her goal is to build on her management skills where the combination of tech and people skills provides options in the tech space, particularly in product management. To that end, Fiona has a jump on her post-graduation goals. She was awarded a prestigious Explore internship at Microsoft during her first year. The program offered training for four weeks of product management and eight weeks in software engineering. Fiona received a return offer as a technical project management intern the following summer working in AI and Cloud services, and she has been invited back for a third summer in 2024. She hopes to secure a permanent position at Microsoft in technical production upon graduation.

Fiona's three favorite things about the business and management studies program: Management class with Professor Baumann which has broad topics and lots of areas to explore; the number of outside course options that overlap for dual credit; and Fiona is really excited about the upcoming J-Term course in New Zealand with Professor Christie.

FACULTY NEWS

NEW FACES



Malabi Dass

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics

Research Areas: Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, International Trade, Urban Economics

Teaching: ECON 121: Principles of Economics (fall and J-Term) and ECON 200: Urban Economics and ECON 399B: Seminar: Trade, Development & Gender (spring)



Urbashi Mookerjee

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics

Research Areas: Labor Economics, Industrial Organization and International Trade

Teaching: ECON 376: Labor Economics (fall), ECON 121: Principles of Economics (fall and J-Term) and ECON 262: Microeconomics (spring)



Naafey Sardar

Assistant Professor of Economics

Research Areas: Energy Economics, Macroeconomics, Time-Series Econometrics, Financial Markets, and Macroeconomic Modeling

Teaching: ECON 200: Topics: Money & Banking and ECON 385: Time Series Econometrics (fall) and ECON 260: Intro to Econometrics (spring).

EVENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT



Coffee Chat About Registration

Hosted by ODE - Economics Honor Society & Women in Economics & Allies

Tuesday, October 24
Holland Commons, 2 - 4 p.m.

Questions about the following (and more) answered by ODE and WEA members:

- Classes
- Major planning
- Professors
- On-campus research
- Career exploration
- Alumni connections
- Internships

Learn more about ODE:

<https://wp.stolaf.edu/economics/omicron-delta-epsilon/>

Learn more about the WEA:

<https://wp.stolaf.edu/economics/undergraduate-women-in-economics/>



Seeking Student Volunteers for New Faculty Recruitment

There will be many opportunities to meet with candidates for two new Assistant Professor positions during J-Term. Students play a vital role in our recruitment efforts by having lunch with candidates, giving campus tours, attending job talk seminars, and submitting feedback.

If you would like to be involved, please indicate your interest [here](#).

COURSES & REGISTRATION

ECON 396 Research Experience (J-Term)

Research Experience with Professor Harris is a chance to do hands-on research utilizing text data from newspaper articles, television transcripts, Congressional records, and more. Instructor approval is required. Complete **this survey** by Friday, October 20 to be considered. Those selected will be pre registered for the course.

ID 241: Health Challenges (Spring 2024)

How can the disciplines of Economics and Anthropology work together to solve some of the most challenging problems in health care? A spring-term course co-taught by Prof. Ashley Hodgson (Economics) and Prof. Tom Williamson (Anthropology) will explore the way the two disciplines can dialogue on important issues such as defining health, accountability in health care systems, addressing complex patients, and program implementation. This will be a fun way for economics students and anthropology students to learn from one another.

Registration dates

J-Term

- Monday, October 30

Spring Semester

- Seniors on Tuesday, October 31
- Juniors on Wednesday, November 1
- Sophomores on Thursday, November 2
- First Years on Friday, November 3

Pre Registration for Juniors & Seniors is October 23-27

Reserved seating for spring semester 2023-24 opens Monday, October 23 at 8 a.m. and closes Friday, October 27 at 12 p.m. Watch your inbox for details!

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Spring 2024 Courses

Economics

ECON 121A Principles of Econ	MWF 8-855	Yao
ECON 121B Principles of Econ	MWF 905-10	Yao
ECON 121C Principles of Econ	T 935-11/Th 930-1050	Becker
ECON 200A Topic: Urban Economics	T 8-925/Th 8-920	Dass
ECON 200B Topic: Sports Economics	T 935-11/Th 930-1050	Nken
ECON 200C Topic: Sports Economics	T 120-245PM/Th 215-335PM	Nken
ECON 241 Contemporary Issues Macroeconomics	T 935-11/Th 930-1050	Bansah
ECON 242 Environmental Econ	MWF 2-255PM	Binder
ECON 260A Introductory Econometrics	T 1145-110PM/Th 1245-205PM	Sardar
ECON 260B Introductory Econometrics	T 120-245PM/Th 215-335PM	Sardar
ECON 261A Macroeconomic Theory	MWF 1150-1245PM	Luedtke
ECON 261B Macroeconomic Theory	MWF 1255-0150PM	Luedtke
ECON 262A Microeconomic Theory	MWF 1045-1140	Mookerjee
ECON 262B Microeconomic Theory	MWF 1150-1245PM	Mookerjee
ECON 343 Development Economics	MWF 1150-1245PM	Binder
ECON 372 Behavioral Economics	T 1145-110PM/Th 1245-205PM	Hodgson
ECON 378 Comparative Analysis Legal Systems	T 935-11/Th 930-1050	Harris
ECON 384 International Econ	T 120-245PM/Th 215-335PM	Bansah
ECON 384 Econometrics Cross-Sec & Panel Data	T 120-245PM/Th 215-335PM	Becker
ECON 399A Sem: Industrial Organization	MWF 1255-0150PM	Mookerjee
ECON 399B Sem: Trade, Development & Gender	T 1145-110PM/Th 1245-205PM	Dass

Business and Management Studies

BUS 110 Fundamentals of Business	MWF 905-10	Baumann
BUS 225 A Principles of Acct	T 1145-110PM/Th 1245-205PM	Wilson
BUS 225 B Principles of Acct	T 120-245PM/Th 215-335PM	Wilson
BUS 231 Personal Finance	MWF 905-10	Jin
BUS 237 Managerial/Cost Acct	T 935-11/Th 930-1050	Wilson
BUS 251 A Management	MWF 1150-1245PM	Goedde
BUS 251 B Management	MWF 1255-0150PM	Goedde
BUS 252 Legal Aspects of Bus	Th 6-9PM	Jacobsen
BUS 380 Investments	MWF 8-855	Jin
BUS 383 Mgmt Policy & Strategy	MWF 1045-1140	Christie

SENIORS

Graduate with Distinction



Check out the policy for Economics and Quantitative Economics majors. Scan the QR code and learn how to qualify for Distinction.

December graduates will receive an email with details and deadlines in November.

May graduates: Watch for an email after J-Term.



Senior Pictures

Photos are **still** needed for the Senior Bulletin Boards. Fill out the **brief form** and upload a photo.

Management Studies Concentrators: Capstone Project

The Management Studies Senior Capstone deadline is November 17. Students will need to complete the requirements found on the Management Studies 2023-24 Moodle site.

Visit <http://wp.stolaf.edu/management-studies/concentrations/> for more information about the Management Studies Concentration. Please contact Professor Christie (christis@stolaf.edu) with questions.



Economics isn't funny to everyone: just the people who understand how it works.