



Economics, B.A.

The Economics major is a fantastic degree for our polytechnic university! Our strength is Environmental Economics and we offer more environmental classes than just about any other university. We also specialize in Regional Economic Development, and our students take classes and conduct research that immerses them in the local economy. Economics majors get opportunities for hands-on analytical work, many of which are paid. Majors choose an emphasis and can follow their passion by selecting a minor in areas such as Business, Environmental Policy, Applied Statistics or Psychology.

Experience Your Learning

We emphasize applied knowledge and offer many opportunities for hands-on learning and paid internships that are grounded in real-world skill building and help prepare you for the job market.

Students conduct research for the Humboldt Economic Index, one of the best-known ongoing, community-based research projects at Humboldt.

The Ruprecht Research Assistantship engages students in Economics research projects with faculty while providing a stipend to help with college costs.

Students can work with local economic development organizations in our service-learning course.

Students gather consumer price data in the Eureka area to construct and update the Eureka CPI project.

Did you know?

- Our student-led Economics Forum is an informal gathering of students and faculty to discuss contemporary economic issues.
- Econ students can hang out and study in the Atkinson Collaborative Workspace in our office suite.
- We offer a Service Learning course where students work for a local economic development organization and make connections between their “real world” experience in the community and the economic theory learned in class.



Academics & Options

B.A. in Economics

Emphases

- **General Economics:** Allows students to explore a number of different economics electives and see how economics applies to a variety of real-world problems and issues.
- **Environmental & Sustainability Economics:** Focuses on the interaction between economic activity and environmental sustainability, applying economic concepts to practical environmental goals.
- **Applied & Quantitative Economics:** Focuses on the intersection between economic analysis and quantitative fields, such as mathematics, statistics, or data science.
- **Interdisciplinary Economics:** Combines a strong economics background with a minor (or equivalent) in a related field such as, political science, business, international studies, or history.

Minor

Minor in Economics

The Economics Minor is the perfect addition to any major at Cal Poly Humboldt and is a great way to boost your resume and stand apart from others. Employers hire our students because "Economics" is the language spoken by industry and government leaders. The Economics Minor complements most majors, including those in Data Science, Art, Business, Journalism, Engineering, History, and Psychology.



Careers

Economics majors are in demand by employers and get among the very highest starting salaries. Economics teaches you skills you can use every day. It's sometimes difficult for students to imagine what they can do with an Economics degree--that's because Economics majors are hired everywhere! You'll find our recent graduates working in tech, as consultants, for government, and running their own businesses.

- Entrepreneur
- Public Policy Analyst
- Urban and Regional Planner
- Natural Resource Economist
- Financial Advisor
- Healthcare Analyst
- National Security Program Manager
- Real Estate Analyst
- Securities Trader
- Actuary



I definitely would recommend Humboldt Econ because it's so small and intimate and personal, like being able to just hang out in the Econ department and see your professors and talk to them just on the fly is so crazy when you think of how big other schools are!"

Justice Reekis ('20, Economics), Fiscal and grant analyst with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Northern California