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# Economics, B.A.

Our student-centered program is interdisciplinary with a focus on sustainability. Economics students learn to make sense of large and complex economic issues and critically evaluate real-world events. Our interdisciplinary curriculum accommodates a broad range of student interests, and there are opportunities for hands-on analytical work, many of which are paid. Our department provides a sense of care, support and belonging, with small classes and professors who know you by name.

## 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

Economics plays an important role in many disciplines, including business, environmental science/studies, international studies, political science, journalism, and more. Students can design their economics minor to complement their major.

The Economics minor offers students critical thinking and analytical reasoning skills that are highly marketable. Students add valuable knowledge and expertise to their resume with a minor in Economics!



## Careers

We have a strong record of helping students realize their career aspirations and our graduates have gone on to a wide range of careers in banking, finance, government, advocacy, environmental consulting, and business. The mathematical and analytical skills that economics majors develop in school are extremely valuable in just about every workplace, making economics one of the most versatile majors.

- Actuary
- Claim Adjustor/Appraiser
- Economist
- Lawyer
- Loan Officer
- Lobbyist
- Logistician
- Public Policy Analyst
- Title Examiner
- Urban and Regional Planner



**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!"**

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