



Economics

Jesuit-educated economists are able to analyze economic problems and determine solutions that will have a positive impact on their communities. At Gonzaga, we focus on offering rigorous courses in cutting edge areas of Economics, putting a priority on data analysis and dissemination, two increasingly important skill sets for employers. The Economics Department at Gonzaga offers specialty courses one would find in a larger school, yet our size provides students with more one-on-one teaching, attention, and advising.

THE PROGRAM

Housed in the School of Business Administration, Gonzaga offers three degree options in economics, which come with STEM designations. Students have the option of completing a STEM degree with either a Bachelor of Arts or Science major in Economics or a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Economics.

The Bachelor of Arts degree offers students a strong foundation in economics for careers in business or public policy, as well as for advanced study in law or business. The Bachelor of Science degree includes, along with studies in economics, extensive coursework in mathematics. This degree option provides the best preparation for graduate study in economics and careers requiring strong quantitative skills. Examples of careers started by recent graduates include: investment banking, actuarial science, business analytics, and consulting. Alternatively, students who want to study business, but are also interested in economics, may major in Business Administration with a concentration in Economics.

One distinguishing aspect of the program is how it involves students in economic experiments for both classroom instruction and faculty research. Third- and fourth-year students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average may do an internship as part of their major and may be eligible for membership in Omicron Delta Epsilon, the national honor society in economics.

The Economics Department also hosts a competitive summer research fellowship where students are paired with professors as mentors that help them through their research proposals.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Economics Department offers 3 degree options for students:

- Bachelor of Arts - Economics
- Bachelor of Science - Economics
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Concentration in Economics

Economics courses at Gonzaga apply economic principles to:

- Analysis of the business cycle
- Antitrust policy and government regulation
- Economic globalization
- Environmental problems
- Health care systems
- Income inequality
- Inflation and unemployment
- Labor markets
- Taxation and government spending

OUTCOMES

A variety of career opportunities await Gonzaga economics graduates. Positions exist in for-profit and non-profit enterprises, as well as in government, in roles such as actuaries, analysts, business-news reporters, consultants, and educators. Program alumni also pursue graduate studies in a variety of fields at prestigious institutions. A list of institutions that Gonzaga graduates have attended can be seen below, including programs in Economics, Business Administration/Accounting, and Law.



ECONOMICS GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- George Mason University
- Michigan State University
- University of Colorado
- University of New Mexico
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Wisconsin

MASTER IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/MASTER IN ACCOUNTING

- Gonzaga University
- University of California – Los Angeles
- Washington State University

LAW SCHOOLS

- Georgetown University
- Gonzaga University
- Harvard University
- University of Arizona
- University of Denver
- University of Washington
- Villanova University
- Washington University
- Willamette University

Some students pursue graduate studies in other disciplines, such as **finance** at the **University of Southern California** and **University of Washington**, **marketing** at **University of Oregon**, **international finance** at **Brandeis University**, **international relations** at **Georgetown University** and **Johns Hopkins University**, and **sociology** at **University of Chicago** and **University of California, Berkeley**.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The School of Business Administration offers several high-quality, AACSB-accredited graduate programs. These programs include:

- Master of Science in Business Analytics
- Master of Accountancy
- Master of Accountancy with Juris Doctorate
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration American Indian Entrepreneurship
- Master of Business Administration with Juris Doctorate
- Master of Science in Taxation



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