

ECONOMICS AT MISSOURI STATE

Understand people. Analyze data. Make better decisions.

Economics is for students who want to understand markets, business decisions, public policy, and real-world problems - then use evidence to solve them. Our economics degrees are **STEM-designated**, reflecting a rigorous, quantitative curriculum, and allow qualifying international graduates to apply for a 24-month STEM OPT work-authorization extension.

If you ask "why?" and like using data to explain what is happening in the world, economics may be a strong fit.

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

- Economics major: build a flexible foundation in markets, data, and decision-making.
- Economics minor: pair with finance, data analytics, political science, pre-law, or business.
- Certificates/add-ons: add focused skills that support your career goals.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- How markets, incentives, and policy shape decisions.
- How to analyze data and explain results clearly.
- How to evaluate business, community, and public-policy problems.
- How to think critically, write persuasively, and communicate complex ideas.

WHERE IT CAN TAKE YOU

- Data analyst or market research analyst
- Financial analyst, consultant, or banking professional
- Policy analyst or research assistant
- Law school, MBA, public policy, or graduate study in economics

WHY MO STATE?

- Economics sits in the College of Business department that also includes finance and risk management
- That helps you connect economic thinking to business, markets, policy, and careers
- You can use economics as a stand-alone major or pair it with another field

LEARN BY DOING

- Ask about internships, undergraduate research, faculty mentoring, and career preparation
- Explore double majors and minors that make your degree more marketable
- Use economics to study issues like prices, wages, housing, health care, energy, trade, and the environment



Economics majors study how individuals, communities, corporations, and even nations decide to use their limited resources. Students in an economics program also learn to analyze human decision-making and interaction. The study of economics often goes beyond money, as it can be applied to food and water, health care, education, environmental policy, and more. Economic concepts apply to topics that range in scale from individual choices to international relations. Majoring in economics can provide students with exposure to research techniques, policymaking methods, and quantitative analysis.

MSU students can study economics through various degree pathways (majors, minors, and certificates). Our Economics program is STEM-designated, allowing international students to work in the US for up to 3 years without employer sponsorship.

You can learn more about the Economics program by scanning the QR code on the left.

For more information, contact your advisor or the Department Head, Dr. Seth Hoelscher (sethhoelscher@missouristate.edu), or visit www.missouristate.edu/FERM.