

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Economics is the study of how individuals, firms and nations make choices when confronted with limited resources. Students of economics at Saint Louis University learn the principles and methods that individuals and institutions, public or private, utilize to identify the costs and benefits associated with alternative decisions. In doing so, SLU students of economics master a structured, pragmatic approach to solving problems. They analyze microeconomic issues that are relevant to decision-making in private business and in formulating public policy. Students also consider global macroeconomic issues, such as the ramifications of changes in the international economic environment on the growth and prosperity of nations.

An economics student acquires knowledge and skills that are useful in almost all professions and are highly desirable for employment requiring strong analytical and problem-solving skills. Economics students find employment in both private business and government service or pursue graduate degrees in business, economics, law and public policy, among other areas.

Students have two options to complete an economics major at Saint Louis University:

- A Bachelor of Science in Economics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-bs/>) through the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business (<https://www.slu.edu/business/>)
- A Bachelor of Arts in Economics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/economics/economics-ba/>), in cooperation with the Saint Louis University College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/>).

Students may also pursue an economics minor (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-minor/>) in addition to their chosen major.

A major or minor in economics is also available for students studying at Saint Louis University-Madrid (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/>).

Programs

Undergraduate Programs

- Economics, B.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/economics/economics-ba/>)
- Economics, B.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-bs/>)

Graduate Programs

- Applied Financial Economics, M.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/applied-financial-economics-ms/>)

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