

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

ECONOMICS

Lee Business School

Mission of the Lee Business School

To advance the knowledge and practice of business, develop business leaders, and foster intellectual and economic vitality through the creation and dissemination of knowledge and outreach.

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About the ECONOMICS Career

The discipline of economics studies how to allocate scarce resources to meet unlimited wants. Nearly all public and private issues possess important economic angles. Thus, thinking as an economist provides valuable insights into our complex world. The economics major prepares students for jobs in businesses, financial firms, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations and for advanced degrees in business, economics, law, public administration, and other social sciences. The economics major also complements learning in other areas of business and the liberal arts.

Value of Economics Major

Value of major to the Career: A minimum BSBA or BA majoring in Economics is necessary to a successful progression in the Economics career field. It is the essence of the first steps in either private or public sector economic analysis.

Organizations Hiring Economists

- Industry or Labor Organizations
- Companies all sizes & industries
- Federal Agencies e.g. FBI, IRS, SEC, GAO, OMB
- Higher Education e.g. Universities, Colleges
- Non-Profits e.g. Hospitals, Public Schools.

UNLV Academic Advising for Economics Majors:

Academic Advisors meet with students about their academic goals and assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

Lee Business School Advising Center

Phone: 702-895-3363 Campus Location: BEH 100

<http://business.unlv.edu/LBS-Advising/>

Economics: Career Options

- Banks & Insurance Companies
- Brokerage Firms
- Journalism all media
- Consulting
- Government
 - Federal Reserve
 - Budget Analysis
 - Justice Department
 - Bureau of the Census
 - State & Local Agencies
- Education
- Non-Profit Agencies
 - Budgeting
 - Money Handling

UNLV Student Organization: The Economics Club

The UNLV Economics Club is a not for profit organization offering aid and development to students interested in the field of Economics. Its main goals include developing relationships between students and professionals in the academic and business community while also facilitating the transfer of ideas, techniques and advances in the field today. Students who join are given valuable information on internships and services available, which cannot be found in the classroom.

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Djeto Assane

Contact: (702) 895-3284

Master of Arts in Applied Economics

UNLV's Economics department offers a Master of Arts (MA) in applied economics. Students will demonstrate a masters level understanding of economic theory and will work competently with data and interpret clearly the results of empirical studies.

Over the course of the program, MA students develop and hone their abilities to solve problems. Communicating the results of economic analysis is a valuable skill in the business world and the program helps develop student's writing and presentation skills.

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Helpful Career Information

Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Lee Business School Career Services

Lee Business School Career Services provides opportunities for students to gain access to a range of employers, employment information, job search strategies, career planning and coaching.

Location: BEH 210 Phone: 702-895-1139

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Career planning and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

Economics Internships: The Department of Economics seeks to prepare students with the knowledge and skills required for success in business and to promote interaction of faculty and students with the business and academic communities. To accomplish this goal, internships provide professional training not available through normal classroom settings. These experiences aid in developing skills, gaining relevant work experience and becoming acquainted with business professionals. Internships may be in industry, government agencies and nonprofit organizations. See this site for more information:

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MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Economists	\$48,250-\$155,490	\$89,450
Economics Professor	\$30,720-\$130,510	\$62,050
Urban & Regional Planner	\$40,410-\$96,420	\$63,040
Social Scientist	N/A	\$67,090
All Occupations	N/A	\$33,840

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

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