Economics prepares students for careers as economic analysts in either the private or public sector, for advanced professional studies in business, law, and public policy, as well as for entry into Ph.D. programs in economics, finance, and related fields.

Selected Career Directions and Resources

**Economist**
- International Economic Development Council: [www.iedconline.org](http://www.iedconline.org)
- Association for Social Economics: [www.socialeconomics.org](http://www.socialeconomics.org)
- American Society of Health Economics: [www.ashecon.org](http://www.ashecon.org)
- National Association of Business Economics: [www.nabe.com](http://www.nabe.com)

**Business: Sales, Insurance, Real Estate, Management**
- National Association of Realtors: [www.realtor.org](http://www.realtor.org)
- America’s Business Women’s Association: [www.abwa.org](http://www.abwa.org)
- National Federation of Independent Business: [www.abwa.org](http://www.abwa.org)
- National Management Association: [www.nma1.org](http://www.nma1.org)

**Non-Profits: Grant Writing, Program Coordination, and Fundraising/Development**
- Non-Profit Resource Center: [www.nprcenter.org](http://www.nprcenter.org)
- Foundations.org: [www.foundations.org](http://www.foundations.org)
- Global Impact: [www.charity.org](http://www.charity.org)
- Idealist: [www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)
- Corporation for National & Community Service: [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)
- SocialService.com: [www.socialservice.com](http://www.socialservice.com)

**Government: Campaigning, City or Town Management, Think Tanks, Legislative Assistance, and Public Policy**
- Strategic Government Resources: [www.governmentresource.com](http://www.governmentresource.com)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Mgmt: [www.appam.org](http://www.appam.org)
- US State Department: [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation: [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)
- Central Intelligence Agency: [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov)
Examples of Job Titles
Digital Marketing Analyst
Economist
Investment Banking Analyst
Consultant
Researcher
Operations Analyst
Systems Analyst
Senior Executive
Economics Graduate Program
Business Graduate Program
Risk Analyst

Skills
Analytical and Reasoning—Both Deductively and Inductively
Ability to Structure and Analyze Qualitative and Quantitative Data
Concise Communication
Critical Thinking
Literary and Information-Processing Skills
Interpersonal skills
Decision-Making and Problem-Solving

Strategies to Develop Skills

Education
A Master’s degree or Ph.D. is required for most economist jobs.

Business, Research, or International Organizations
These position often require a combination of advanced education and work experience.

Experiential Learning
Aspiring economists can gain valuable experience from internships that involve gathering and analyzing data, conducting interviews and surveys, and writing reports on their findings.

Take a Tartan to Work Shadowing Program

Review Opportunities on TartanTrak

Networking

Salary and Employment Trends
Since wages change rapidly year after year, the following links will be helpful in identifying median wages and employment trends:

ONET Online: www.onetonline.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh