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**Department of
Economics**

PROGRAM AND DEPARTMENT INFORMATION



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The Department of Economics at Emory features several of the world's leading research and teaching faculty in the fields of econometrics, macroeconomics, international economics, financial economics, game theory, health economics, labor and development economics, and law and economics. On a regular basis, we offer **cutting-edge, inter-disciplinary courses** in Causal Inference and Policy Analysis, Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics and Finance, Economics of Systemic Racism, Health Care Markets, and Advanced Financial Markets, among others. We also offer courses **uniquely devoted to Research** in Economics.

In addition, you can **pursue joint majors** in Economics and Mathematics, Economics and Computer Science, and Economics and Human Health, which include capstone courses in Mathematical Economics, Computing Methods in Economics, and Research in Health Economics. And we just launched a **4+1 Masters Program** that will give you the option of staying an additional year at Emory to earn a Masters in Economics and Data Analytics designed to equip students with critical thinking and quantitative skills that are highly sought after by industry employers.

Explore our programs and please reach out to econungrad@emory.edu with any questions about how you can be part of this exciting and rapidly growing department at Emory.



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The Value of an Economics Major

An undergraduate degree in economics leads to a great diversity of professional opportunities.

2023 ECON STUDENT GRADUATE STATS

\$94K

Average Base Salary

\$150K

Highest Salary Reported

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

- Equity Research
- Management Consulting
- Data Analytics
- Finance and Marketing

RECENT EMPLOYERS FOR EMORY ECON ALUMNI

- JP Morgan
- Amazon
- Deloitte Consulting
- Citi Bank
- Bank of America
- Ernst & Young
- Goldman Sachs
- Meta
- Delta Airlines
- Black Rock
- McKinsey & Company
- PwC

Using theoretical models and empirical data, economists evaluate programs, study human behavior, and explain complex social phenomena. Economics also contains the theoretical core for business, finance, accounting, and marketing and thus provides a solid foundation for postgraduate work in business administration. Most public policy issues, including issues in public health, have a strong economic dimension, and many private-sector job opportunities are available for economics majors in **banking, real estate, law, and technology** companies.

Because demand for economists is so high, salaries for economics majors are extremely competitive. Here at Emory, the average base starting salary for our 2023 graduating seniors with an economics major was over \$94,000, with a maximum disclosed starting salary of \$150,000. According a recent ranking by Payscale, the median lifetime earnings of economics majors, which is nearly \$3.5 million, is **higher than for all other majors except for engineering**. Economics is both a fascinating field and one with tremendous career potential.

“The Economics program at Emory gave me the **skills to think and look at things in**

all new ways. I started my company by solving a small but major inefficiency people experience in their daily life. I am grateful to Emory Econ for the high-quality education I received.”

—LAUREN LEVY, CO-FOUNDER
OF MAGNETIC ME, OIC



BE A STEM MAJOR

Several of Emory's Economics programs are classified as **STEM** majors.

Upon successful completion of the major in Economics, the joint Economics-Math major, or the joint Economics-Computer Science major, and Emory's core curriculum, students will receive a Bachelor of Arts that is certified as a STEM major because of its quantitative nature.

International students studying STEM are granted an additional 24-month extension of their Optional Practice Training (OPT). That is an extra two years international students can stay working and living in the U.S.

The economics major at Emory consists of one mathematics course, six foundation courses, and four electives. For a full list of **course requirements for the Econ Major & Minor** visit the Emory Econ website here:



ECON MAJOR



ECON MINOR

INTERNSHIPS

73% of Economics alumni completed **at least 2 internships**. Recent graduates have interned at:

- Coca-Cola
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Merrill Lynch
- Government Agencies
- Citigroup
- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

TOP JOB LOCATIONS

- New York
- Atlanta
- Washington DC

TOP GRADUATE DEGREES

- Economics
- Law School
- Business Analytics
- Data Science
- Computer Science
- Public Health
- MBA

TOP GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- Georgia Tech
- Harvard
- Yale
- Johns Hopkins
- NYU School of Law
- University of Oxford

SPECIALIZATIONS

Within the Economics major, students can choose their economics electives to fit one of the nine following areas of specialization.

Specializations consist of four related courses in different areas of economics. Fulfilling a specialization is not required to complete the economics major.

BEHAVIORAL
ECONOMICS

BUSINESS POLICY

DATA SCIENCES

FINANCIAL
ECONOMICS

HEALTH ECONOMICS

INTERNATIONAL
AND DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMICS

LAW AND ECONOMICS

MACROECONOMICS AND
MONETARY ECONOMICS

PUBLIC POLICY

For a **full breakdown of the specific courses required** for each specialization, visit the Emory Econ website here:



ECONOMICS HONORS PROGRAM

Administered by the Emory College Honors Committee, the Honors Program in the Department of Economics allows especially qualified Economics and Economics joint majors to **engage in research and coursework more advanced than the normal undergraduate program**, with commensurate standards for performance.

JOINT MAJORS

Economics-Mathematics Joint Major

The Econ-Math major is designed for students with strong intellectual interest in economics to give them a deeper understanding of the mathematical methods and models that underpin modern economics. Meanwhile, the required mathematics courses provide students with a foundation of quantitative tools that are needed to analyze theoretical economic models and develop empirical methods. This a recommend path for students in interested in pursuing graduate studies in economics. This major is further valuable to those with interests beyond academia as it provides numerous marketable skills that are useful in finance, consulting, and actuarial studies.

Econ-Math joint major graduates will be well equipped to pursue a range of professions, including:

- Graduate Studies in Economics
- Financial engineering
- Data analytics
- Economic consulting



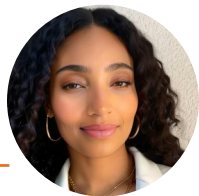
For a full list of course requirements for the **Econ-Math joint major**, visit the Emory Econ website here:



“I love the Economics Department as a student. The professors I’ve met have taught me not only the knowledge I need for post-graduation but also to stay enthusiastic about the field of study.”

—GEMMA SUN, 23C





“Emory Econ was an **incredible academic**

journey that went way beyond textbooks. The professors fostered this amazing curiosity and encouraged me to be unafraid of taking risks. I ended up with strong research and analytical skills, and the ability to communicate complex ideas effectively. I carry that with me throughout my career.”

—HAJAR ALZERMA 15C

For a full list of course requirements for the **Econ-Human Health joint major**, visit the Emory Econ website here:



Economics-Human Health Joint Major

The Econ-Human Health joint major is an innovative interdisciplinary major designed to equip students with the skills to understand, evaluate, and analyze health care systems and health policy.

This 45-credit hour course of study combines empirical methods, economic reasoning, bioethics, and the human health experience in an effort to understand how individuals interact with the health care system, the development of health policy, and the promotion of public health within communities.

Students will have the foundations to pursue a range of professions, including:

- Health policy analysis
- Health care consulting
- Health care administration
- Health care informatics

The Economics-Human Health joint major is a great option for pre-health, especially Emory pre-med students, as it adds breadth of knowledge to their medical education. It also provides a strong foundation for students interested in law school or the pursuit of an MPH degree.

Please note that our joint Economics-Human Health major does not have a STEM designation for international student OPT purposes.

Economics-Computer Science Joint Major

Emory has joined a small number of elite institutions, including MIT, Cornell, and Brown that offer a joint Economics-Computer Science major.

This unique academic program is designed to provide students with a synergistic curriculum that combines economic reasoning; empirical methods and data analytics; knowledge of machine learning; and artificial intelligence.

Going beyond what computer science or economics majors can individually offer, the Econ-CS joint major equips its graduates to understand how data can be used to explain economic phenomenon in the digital age, preparing students for future success.

As the tech industry continues to grow, those who understand the depth and nuances of both Economics and Computer Science can help address issues, oversights, policies, and regulations for safeguarding of a smooth transition to a digital economy.

For a full list of course requirements for the **Econ-Computer Science joint major**, visit the Emory Econ website here:





4+1 BA/MS PROGRAM

This unique program will allow current Emory students to seamlessly transition into a master's program for increased marketability and a variety of opportunities upon graduation. The goal is to provide students with an education that combines economic reasoning with cutting-edge empirical methods and data analytics. By completing a BA as well as an MS in 5 years, students save time and money.

For a full list of the **4+1 program requirements**, visit the **Emory Econ website here:**



A master's degree can supplement an undergraduate economics education by exposing students to more in-depth economic analysis which can open doors to many high-tech jobs as well as offering preparatory work for doctoral pursuit. In this program, students will learn how to uncover patterns and analyze human behavior to support data-based decisions, improve productivity, and ultimately further understand the nature of the digital world.

How does it work?

- Emory students apply to the program during their junior year.
- Once admitted, they complete their undergraduate courses and take three graduate foundation courses during their senior year; two of these courses count toward both their bachelor and master's degrees, with the third course only counting toward their master's degree.
- In students' +1 year, they complete their graduate core courses and specialization elective courses or an optional thesis.

STUDY ABROAD



Emory Economics at LSE Program

London School of Economics

Take classes directly at the London School of Economics, one of the world's most esteemed universities, while studying alongside other international students.

The London School of Economics is located in the heart of central London, making museums, restaurants, transportation, and theaters extremely accessible.

The British education system gives students great autonomy in their work, while pushing students to delve into class-related topics for personal and academic exploration.

Washington Policy Semester

American University

Topics covered include international as well as domestic economic policy. The program, administered by American University in Washington, D.C., consists of:

- A seminar
- An internship in a private or governmental agency
- Courses in the curriculum of American University

The program is designed for undergraduates beyond the sophomore year who are interested in policy issues.

Semester in Spain

Universidad Carlos III – Madrid (UC3M)

The Semester in Spain program will offer a semester-long study abroad program at Universidad Carlos III Madrid (UC3M).

Emory students will be able to take 2 elective classes at UC3M that will count towards their major/minor in Economics at Emory University.

Students may also be enrolled in a language course as well as up to two other courses from another academic department.

For more details about the **Study Abroad programs**, visit the **Emory Econ website here:**



+20%

Economics graduates with a master's degree make on average 20% more than their peers with only a bachelor's degree.

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



“Emory’s Department of Economics **provided an amazing experience and really supported me throughout my journey.** This is a reflection

of both the amazing faculty and staff’s willingness to not only provide world-class education, but mentorship and guidance during the crazy time of the undergraduate experience. They continue to create organic opportunities for students to collaborate, meet, and design unique solutions for the complex world ahead.”

—JUSTIN JOSEPH, 23C



“The economics degree at Emory has been pivotal in shaping and powering my career in consumer insights and marketing strategy. With a specialty in behavioral economics, I **acquired foundational insights into human thinking and an appreciation for the complexities behind decision-making.** Ultimately, economics at Emory equips students with an insightful and valuable perspective that helps them stand out from their peers.”

—MATT BODIEN 10B



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