

# **Economics**

Jesuit-educated economists are able to analyze economic problems and determine solutions that will have a positive impact on their communities. At Gonzaga, we focus on offering rigorous courses in cutting edge areas of Economics, putting a priority on data analysis and dissemination, two increasingly important skill sets for employers. The Economics Department at Gonzaga offers specialty courses one would find in a larger school, yet our size provides students with more one-on-one teaching, attention, and advising.

## **THE PROGRAM**

Gonzaga offers three degree options in economics. Students have the option of completing a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree with a major in economics or a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a concentration in economics.

The Bachelor of Arts degree offers students a strong foundation in economics for careers in business or public policy, as well as for advanced study in law or business. The Bachelor of Science degree includes, along with studies in economics, extensive coursework in mathematics. This degree option provides the best preparation for graduate study in economics and careers requiring strong quantitative skills. Examples of careers started by recent graduates include, investment banking, actuarial science, business analytics, and consulting. Alternatively, students who want to study business, but are also interested in economics, may major in Business Administration with a concentration in Economics.

One distinguishing aspect of the program is how it involves students in economic experiments for both classroom instruction and faculty research. Third- and fourth-year students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average may do an internship as part of their major and may be eligible for membership in Omicron Delta Epsilon, the national honor society in economics.

The Economics department also hosts a competitive summer research fellowship where students are paired with professors as mentors that help them through their research proposals.

# **DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The Economics Department offers 3 degree options for students:

- Bachelor of Arts Economics
- Bachelor of Science Economics
- Bachelor of Business Administration - Concentration in Economics

Economics courses at Gonzaga apply economic principles to:

- Analysis of monetary and fiscal policy
- Antitrust policy and government regulation
- Economic globalization
- Environmental problems
- Health care systems
- Income inequality
- Labor markets
- Taxation and government spending

# **OUTCOMES**

A variety of career opportunities await Gonzaga economics graduates. Positions exist in for-profit and non-profit enterprises, as well as in government, in roles such as actuaries, analysts, business-news reporters, consultants, and educators. Program alumni also pursue graduate studies in a variety of fields at prestigious institutions. A list of institutions that Gonzaga graduates have attended can be seen below.

#### **GRADUATE PROGRAMS** Economics Graduate Programs

- Colorado State University
- Columbia University
- George Mason University
- Michigan State University
- University of Colorado
- University of New Mexico
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Wisconsin

#### Masters in Business Administration/Masters in Accounting

- Gonzaga University
- University of California Los Angeles
- Washington State University

Some students pursue graduate studies in other disciplines, such as **finance** at the University of Southern California and University of Washington, marketing at University of Oregon, international finance at Brandeis University, international relations at Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University, and sociology at University of Chicago and University of California, Berkeley.

# **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

The School of Business Administration offers several high-quality, AACSBaccredited graduate programs. These programs include:

- Master of Accountancy
- Master of Accountancy with Juris
  Doctorate
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration American Indian Entrepreneurship
- Master of Business Administration with Juris Doctorate
- Master of Science in Taxation





### **EMPLOYERS**

Employers of recent economics graduates include:

- Alaska Airlines
- Amazon
- American Airlines
- Boeing
- D.A. Davidson
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Mercer Consulting
- Portland General Electric
- Spokane Teachers Credit Union
- The Regence Group
- United States Army
- United States Department of Justice
- Vanguard Investments
- Watson Wyatt Worldwide
- West Monroe Partners



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- Harvard University
- University of Arizona
- University of Denver
- University of Washington
- Villanova University
- Washington University
- Willamette University