ECONOMICS

DEGREES/CONCENTRATIONS

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS (B.A.)
Degree that encompasses the liberal arts with the following concentrations:

- General Economics - Many students in this option have multiple minors or a double major. This is a flexible option that can be tailored to student interests.
- Financial Economics - This is a popular option, mixing economics with business finance. The option is ideal for students who have taken business classes and for majors seeking employment in financial markets, banking, insurance, investments and corporate finance.
- Political Economy - This option focuses on public policies. It provides excellent preparation for law school and is suitable for double majors in government, sociology or communication. The option is designed to cater to students with interests in social and political affairs.
- Quantitative Economics - This option is best suited for students planning to attend graduate school for economics or finance, and math students considering a double major. It is also a good fit with a math minor.

TAILOR YOUR COLLEGE CURRICULUM AROUND AN AREA OF STUDY WITH ECONOMICS AT THE CORE

- Environmental and natural resource issues
- International trade and economic development
- Politics and law
- Community growth, development and planning
- Human resources and labor relations
- Corporate finance and management
- Social and cultural development

OTHER MINORS OF INTEREST TO ECONOMICS MAJORS

Students have the option of minoring in mathematics, business administration, entrepreneurship and finance, among many others.

THE MARAUDER FUND STUDENT INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Marauder Fund is an organization that promotes economic and financial literacy by providing members an opportunity to interact with financial market professionals, actively manage a real stock portfolio, and develop leadership and communication skills. In addition to professional seminars and career development opportunities, the Marauder Fund offers students an opportunity to invest and manage real money. Members learn how to research investments, collaborate as a research team, apply their coursework and present their investment research to members. The Marauder Fund offers members a unique and valuable learning experience that includes exposure to various types of investments, financial data platforms, investment strategies and portfolio construction and management. The Marauder Fund is open to all majors.

STUDENT RESEARCH

The economics department takes pride in its ability to work with students on original research. There are two main opportunities for students to pursue research. First, a student can conduct an original project through our capstone course (ECON 488: Seminar in Economics). This one-semester course is offered annually to give economics majors guidance on how to pursue original research. The course typically emphasizes research projects with a regional economy focus. Second, a student can pursue a departmental honors thesis. An honors thesis gives the student a chance to work closely with a member of the faculty to pursue a research topic of mutual interest. A student completing an honors thesis is eligible for 4-6 credits.
INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Economics Department encourages all economics majors to include a co-op/internship experience to gain valuable real-world experience in the field of economics. Please talk to your economics advisor about co-op and internship opportunities. Students should also visit the office of Experiential Learning and Career Management (ELCM). For information on career options and the training needed for various careers, check out the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook.

Recent Co-op & Employment Placements for Economics Majors:
- Armstrong World Industries
- BP
- Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Cardno ENTRIX
- Cargill
- Clark Associates
- Emerald Asset Management
- Franklin & Marshall's Local Economy Center
- Illuminas
- Intel Corporation
- Koresko Financial
- Kylen Financial
- Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board
- Lockheed Martin
- Merrill Lynch
- Monsanto
- Morgan Stanley
- Northwestern Mutual
- Social Security Administration
- Super-Dog Pet Foods
- Susquehanna Bank
- United States Department of Agriculture
- Vanguard
- Vetstreet
- Woodstream
- York Wallcoverings

FACILITIES

All economics courses are taught at Millersville University’s state-of-the-art, multimedia-equipped classrooms. The department also has its own computer lab equipped with advanced statistical software subscriptions to a wide range of national and international databases. The department also has its own seminar room that is open for student use. It is ideal for quiet individual or joint study and is stocked with a variety of reference materials for economics courses, as well as several mass-media and research publications. Finally, the Marauder Fund has a dedicated lab for members to research investment opportunities.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

The Economics Society
The purpose of the Economics Society is to promote professional, academic and social interactions among students, faculty and community members interested in the study of economics. The organization coordinates and sponsors events to foster interactions among its constituents through economics lectures, symposiums, open houses and field trips. The organization also serves as a conduit for information to members regarding academic support services, academic conferences, internship opportunities, and job and career fairs. Membership is open to all Millersville University students.

Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society
Omicron Delta Epsilon is one of the world’s largest academic honor societies. The objectives of Omicron Delta Epsilon are recognition of scholastic attainment and the honoring of outstanding achievements in economics; the establishment of closer ties between students and faculty in economics within colleges and universities, and among colleges and universities; the publication of its official journal, The American Economist; and sponsoring of panels at professional meetings as well as the Irving Fisher and Frank W. Taussig competitions.

Become a Social Studies Teacher

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION (B.S.E.) – CERTIFICATION IN SOCIAL STUDIES
This degree leads to a Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate in Social Studies for grades 7-12. Concentrations include economics, history, geography or government. With Pennsylvania’s extremely high standards for teacher preparation, Millersville graduates are heavily recruited both regionally and nationally. We believe in valuing our partnership with liberal arts departments in providing courses, field experiences and co-advisement for undergraduate secondary education students.