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CAREER OUTCOMES FROM 2016-19
Based on information from 88% of graduates

100% Secured Employment
100% Admitted into Graduate or Professional School

POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS OF GRADUATES
Augustana’s broad-based curriculum prepares you for diverse occupations and rapidly changing labor markets.

POPULAR CAREERS
- Banking & Finance: financial analyst, credit analyst, mortgage broker, examiner, market research analyst, loan specialist, trust fund manager, branch manager
- Real Estate & Insurance: underwriter, collections agent, actuary, risk manager, claims examiner, commercial real estate research & sales
- Sales: sales representative: industrial, advertising, consumer product; customer service associate
- Management: operations project manager, economic consultant, compensation & benefits manager
- Education: professor, researcher, community affairs director, teacher
- Government: Economic analyst, policy analyst, researcher, planner

POPULAR EMPLOYERS
Banks, credit unions, Federal Reserve, insurance agencies, Internet companies, nonprofit organizations, manufacturers, wholesale lenders, corporate finance departments, government departments & agencies, school districts, colleges & universities

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Internships
  - Augustana Research Institute
  - EROS Data Center
  - First PREMIER Bank
  - Economic development associations for county and state governments
  - City of Sioux Falls
  - SD International Trade Center
  - South Dakota Trust Company
  - South Dakota Bureau of Personnel
  - US Bank

- Example Research Topics
  - Lending in the Sioux Falls Area
  - Loan Acceptance Factors
  - Strategic Importance of Foreign Assistance in the United States

- Service Learning
  - RESULTS Advocate (movement working to end poverty)
  - Citizens’ Climate Lobby (advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change)

- Study Away

WHY STUDY ECONOMICS?
Economics is a social science which focuses on the broad questions of how societies produce, distribute and consume goods and services. The study of economics involves theoretical analysis, statistical inference and the study of economic history and institutions. As one thinks about improving the quality of life — from the local to global level — it is virtually impossible to avoid contact with “the economic way of thinking.” Augustana has a chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society, which encourages student-faculty interaction and recognizes scholastic achievement in economics.
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## Excel Academically

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<th>FIRST YEAR</th>
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<td><strong>Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Explore minors or elective credits that interest you.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1. Review the degree audit provided by the Registrar’s Office.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Review your degree audit report and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Consider an actuarial science minor.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Complete any remaining required courses and electives.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Enroll in ECON 120 and 121 and MATH 151.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Contact the Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from alumni in your chosen field and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Enroll in ECON 270, 320 and 321.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).</strong></td>
<td><strong>Engage in research in ECON 301 (W) and ECON 373 (research project) and consider presenting your work at the annual research symposium.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Earn an excellent GPA in economics courses to be eligible for Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international economics honor society.</strong></td>
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## Engage & Apply Your Learning

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Join the Economics Club.
- Participate in other campus clubs and organizations, such as the PEACE Club or Augie GREEN.
- Explore study-away opportunities in Studio Abroad.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the Experience Expo and Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in service learning at The Banquet.
- Apply to be a Peace Scholar.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Apply to be an economics or statistics tutor.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds or ASA transportation funds.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, DAT, MCAT, OAT) and share your application to graduate or professional school with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry and Government) Career & Internship Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

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**chart your course today!**

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