

# B.A. Economics | Major Map

## 2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 100% of graduates

**100%** Secured Employment

**100%** Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

## 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 or policy analyst, researcher, economic development

## 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 (ARI)
  - EROS Data Center
  - FDIC
  - First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard
  - City of Sioux Falls
  - County and state government economics development associations
  - Sammons Financial Group
  - South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources
  - South Dakota Trust Company
  - 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**
  - Browse the list of current offerings at [augie.edu/StudyAwayPortal](http://augie.edu/StudyAwayPortal), and contact the IPO to discover opportunities related to your vocational goals.



## 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.

## FIRST YEAR

## MIDDLE YEAR(S)

## LAST YEAR

### EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in ECON 120 & 121, ACCT 207 or 210 and MATH 151.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Consider an actuarial science minor.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Enroll in ECON 270, 320 and 321.
- Engage in research in ECON 301 and ECON 373, and consider presenting your work at the annual research symposium.
- Earn an excellent GPA in economics courses to be eligible for Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Complete any remaining required courses and electives.
- Engage in an overview of various economic concepts and approaches to current problems in ECON 490, a senior seminar course.
- Pursue an economics internship for credit in ECON 495.

### ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Join the Economics Club.
- Participate in other campus clubs and organizations such as Augie Green or the Feminist Equality Movement (FEM).
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.

- Attend the 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 and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE, GMAT), and share your application to graduate or professional schools 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.

### CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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