The economics major
AT THE DARLA MOORE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Program Overview
The economics major explores how societies use resources to satisfy wants and needs. Students at the University of South Carolina seeking a degree in economics can opt for the business economics major at the Moore School, which leads to a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA), or the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in economics in the College of Arts and Sciences. Course work in economics is substantially the same in both programs, but students who earn the degree from the Moore School also complete the comprehensive business core, while economics majors in the College of Arts and Sciences complete more non-business course work.

A degree in economics is a good fit for students who:
- Enjoy thinking about business from a theoretical, big-picture perspective
- Want to keep their career options open
- Are interested in attending graduate or professional school

Outcomes
Economics is a career field that offers a wide variety of opportunities. Professional economists can find work in all industry sectors and are involved in economic forecasting, market research, cost-effectiveness studies, investment analysis, policy analysis, impact studies, program evaluations and solving budget problems.

Graduates with degrees in economics are employed in:
- Banking, manufacturing, insurance, retailing and economic research
- Local, state and federal government positions in regional planning and development, employment and labor force analysis, ecology, transportation and the regulation of industry
- Teaching economics in secondary schools or, after pursuing a graduate degree, teaching in colleges and universities

Companies that have hired Moore School economics majors in recent years include Vanguard, Nestle, Amazon, Honeywell and Deutsche Bank.

Average starting salary for May 2014 Moore School economics graduates was $50,833.

Many Moore School economics students go directly to graduate or professional school. Recent graduates have attended schools such as Harvard Graduate School of Education, Villanova University School of Law and Georgetown University School of Public Policy.
Degree Requirements
To earn the BSBA degree from the Moore School, students complete the university’s core curriculum, the Moore School’s 40-hour business core and 12 hours of coursework in economics.

All Moore School students take two introductory economics courses, Introduction to Microeconomics and Introduction to Macroeconomics, as part of the business core. All economics majors also take:

- Economics 321: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- Economics 322: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

Students pursuing the regular major then take six additional hours of economics courses numbered 300 or above.

*Note that these are 2015-16 degree requirements and are subject to change as the school regularly updates its curriculum in response to the evolving needs of the business community.

Economics at a Glance
Number of students: 102
Number of faculty: 19
Popular minors for economics students: psychology, Spanish, sport and entertainment management, hotel, restaurant and tourism management
Student organizations: Gamecock Economics Society

Economics Spotlight: Gamecock Economics Society
For students who want to extend their economics education beyond the classroom or who are interested in networking with fellow students, faculty and members of the business community, the Gamecock Economics Society provides opportunities to do all of that and more. In addition to building a stronger sense of community among economics students and providing leadership opportunities for students who serve as its officers, the society regularly shares information with its members about news and trends in the industry and professional development opportunities on campus and beyond.