The Economics Major
at the Darla Moore School of Business

Economics is a good fit for students who:
• Enjoy thinking about business from a theoretical, big-picture perspective
• Want to develop general analytics skills that can be useful in many future business and government careers
• Are interested in attending graduate or professional school

Potential career pathways include:
• 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 in colleges and universities

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.

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.

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

According to a recent USC Career Center survey, the average starting salary for Moore School economics graduates is $59,111.

Students who earn degrees from the Moore School complete the comprehensive business core, while economics students in the College of Arts and Sciences complete more economics and non-business course work.

Major Requirements:
All Moore School students take two introductory economics courses, Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics, as part of the business core. All economics majors also take:
• ECON 321: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
• ECON 322: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
• ECON 436: Introductory Econometrics

Students pursuing the business economics major also take two elective courses in economics.

Students pursuing the arts and sciences economics major also take ECON 511 and two elective courses in economics.

Note that these are the 2017-18 major requirements and are subject to change as the school regularly updates its curriculum in response to the evolving needs of the business community.
Economics Beyond the Classroom

Extracurricular areas to enhance your economics degree include:

- **Community Service** — Office of Sustainability, Net Impact
- **Diversity and Social Advocacy** — Some economics courses (ECON 508) include diversity and social advocacy components in the curriculum
- **Global Learning** — Some economics courses (ECON 503, ECON 504, ECON 505) include global learning components in the curriculum
- **Peer Leadership** — Gamecock Economics Society, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Moore School Student Ambassadors, Beta Gamma Sigma business honor fraternity
- **Professional Practice** — Proving Ground, business case competitions, Alpha Kappa Psi
- **Research** — Some economics courses (ECON 399, ECON 511, ECON 589) include research components in the curriculum

Work in many of these extracurricular areas can contribute to one or more of the paths to Graduation with Leadership Distinction. Find out more at [http://sc.edu/about/initiatives/usc_connect](http://sc.edu/about/initiatives/usc_connect)

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.