

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Economics is the study of how individuals, firms and nations make choices when confronted with limited resources. Students of economics at Saint Louis University learn the principles and methods that individuals and institutions, public or private, utilize to identify the costs and benefits associated with alternative decisions. In doing so, SLU students of economics master a structured, pragmatic approach to solving problems.

At the undergraduate level, in addition to the option of pursuing an economics minor (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-minor/>), students have two options to complete an economics major at Saint Louis University.

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Economics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-bs/>) through the Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business (<https://www.slu.edu/business/>)
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/economics/economics-ba/>) awarded by the Saint Louis University College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/>).

The curriculum provides a strong foundation in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics, while emphasizing a pragmatic, problem-solving approach. Students analyze microeconomic issues relevant to business decision-making and public policy and examine global macroeconomic forces that influence economic growth and prosperity. Graduates are well prepared for careers in business, government and public policy, as well as for advanced study in a variety of fields.

At the graduate level, the STEM-certified Master of Science in Applied Economics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/applied-economics-ms/>) emphasizes the application of economic theory through data analysis, econometrics and forecasting. Students develop the ability to design and evaluate empirical models, analyze complex data and translate results into clear, actionable insights. The program can be completed in one year of full-time study or pursued part time to accommodate working professionals.

The department also offers an accelerated pathway that enables qualified students to earn both the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Economics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-bs/>) and the Master of Science in Applied Economics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/applied-economics-ms/>) within an integrated four-and-a-half-year timeline. This pathway provides a seamless progression from foundational economic theory to advanced, applied analytical skills, enhancing students' readiness for careers in data-driven and analytical roles.

A major or minor in economics is also available in its entirety for students studying at Saint Louis University-Madrid (<https://www.slu.edu/madrid/>).

Programs

Undergraduate Programs

- Economics, B.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/economics-ba/>)
- Economics, B.S.B.A. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-bs/>)

- Economics, B.S.B.A. to Applied Economics, M.S. Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-bsbs-applied-economics-ms-accel/>)
- Economics, Minor (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/economics-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- Applied Economic Forecasting, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/applied-economic-forecasting-post-baccalaureate-certificate/>)
- Applied Economics, M.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/business/economics/applied-economics-ms/>)

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