

What Can I Do With Economics?

What is Economics?

Studies how individuals, businesses, and governments allocate limited resources

Develops theories to explain economic behavior and interactions

Predicts responses to policy changes and external forces

Day in the Life

Roles:

[Economist](#)

[Loan Officer](#)

[Insurance Underwriter](#)

Source: careeronestop.org

Sample Economics Roles

Banking: Loan Officers, Account Officers, Trust Services

Insurance: Agents, Underwriters, Brokers

Securities: Brokers, Researchers, Managers

Government: Tax, Budget, Policy Analysts

Education: Teaching in Social Sciences

Professional School: Law, Business Administration

Characteristics for Success

Analytical and logical

Comfortable with uncertainty

Strong communication skills

Curious about theories and systems

Mathematically inclined

Understands complex systems

Sample Employers

GE Aviation, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley

Nationwide, Target Corp., Accenture

AIG, CVS Health, Epic Systems, Ford Motor Company

Salary Information (2024-2025)

Full-time: \$65,787 annually

Intern: \$23/hour

Job Outlook

Economists: 5% growth (2023–2033)

Best prospects for those with advanced degrees and strong analytical/statistical skills

Source: BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook

Ohio State Resources

Academic: Economics Specialization Courses

Extracurricular:

Undergraduate Economics Society

Big Data and Analytics Association

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