

PROFESSIONAL CAREER GUIDE: ECONOMICS

WHAT IS ECONOMICS?

The Economics is the social science that studies the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. Economics focuses on the behavior and interactions of economic agents and how economies work.

ECONOMICS INDUSTRIES

- Federal and State Government
- Finance and Insurance
- Management, scientific, and technical consulting services
- Scientific research and development services
- Consulting

PREPARING FOR YOUR CAREER

Requirements: 120 total credit hours, which includes at least 21 Economics Hours

Build the expertise to forecast economic conditions, estimate trends, and use economic theory to help understand how consumers, firms, and governments behave. You'll develop a unique mix of analytical and applied business skills, preparing you for upper level management, research and public service careers.

Top skills needed:

- Attention to detail
- Analyzing data and forecasting
- Excellent in Microsoft Excel
- Experience with programming is a plus
- Solid communication skills
- Research experience

Interviewing:

- Prepare for both behavioral and technical questions based on role
- Be professional while bringing your authentic self

Important to know about working an economics-related role:

- May involve creating models to predict the impact of investments, policy decisions, industry trends, demographics, and climate change

HOW TO GET HIRED

Internships: A record of professional experience often has a greater impact on hiring than GPA. Internships give insight into the day-to-day operations and company culture.

Research: Employers hire candidates who actively stay up to date by doing the following:

- Reviewing Company Financial statements and investor relations page.
- Keeping up with financial markets and global news.



INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Student Name:

- **Allison Nimick**

Major/Minor:

- **Economics**

Expected Graduation Date:

- **May 2019**

Completed Internship with:

- **US House of Representatives**

Takeaway tips:

“While there were daily tasks like scheduling/leading tours and taking constituent opinions, every day also brought something new.”

QUICK FACTS

Median Salary for bachelor's degree in economics in Southeast region: **\$54,281**

Expected growth of analyst jobs in Kentucky: **+7.27%**

Expected growth of analyst jobs nationally: **+8%**

GET INVOLVED: STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Student Organizations:

- Economics Society
- Finance Society
- Wildcat Investors Club
- Investment Banking Club

Professional Organizations:

- Alpha Kappa Psi

CERTIFICATIONS/SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Certifications:

- Bloomberg Market Concepts Certification
- Capital IQ Certification

Special Program:

- Wall Street Prep Financial Analyst and Excel Modeling training (every semester)

WHO HIRES ECONOMICS MAJORS?



SAMPLE JOB TITLES

- Market Research Analyst
- Economic Consultant
- Compensation and Benefits analyst
- Credit Analyst
- Actuary
- Policy Analyst
- Management Consultant
- Business Reporter
- Financial Analyst
- Consultant



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1. Log into Handshake using your link blue credentials at <https://uky.joinhandshake.com/>
2. Select "Career Center", "Appointments", "Schedule A New Appointment", "BUSINESS MAJORS", chose your "Appointment Type" and click "Request"



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