



ECONOMICS

The economics major provides rigorous training in how to analyze important issues based on theory and data and how individuals, firms, and policymakers can use these methods to make good decisions.

Economics is the study of how societies organize production, distribution, and the exchange of goods and services and how scarce resources are allocated to satisfy human wants. Economists use models that are substantiated by statistical analysis to study important issues such as economic growth, unemployment, productivity and efficiency, poverty and inequality, international trade, and the effects of government policy. The Economics Department offers two concentrations: Data Analysis Or Mathematical Economics.

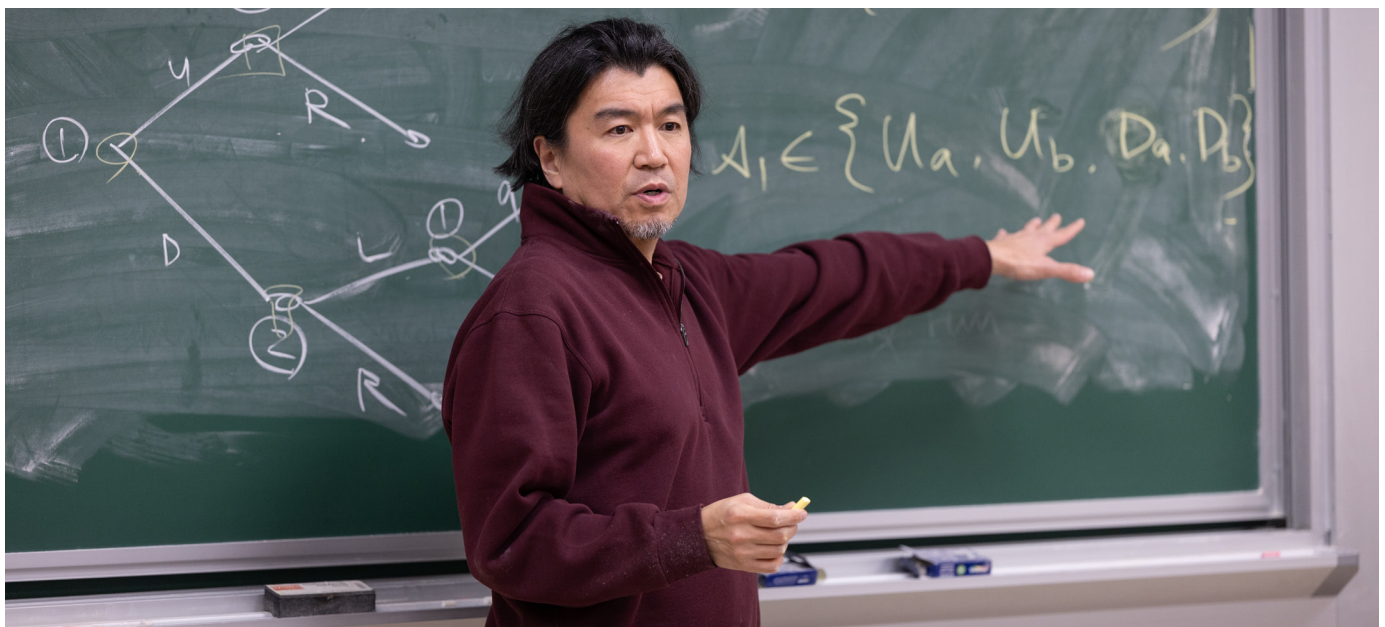
FACULTY RESEARCH

Scholars in the Department of Economics are recognized internationally for their research across a wide spectrum of economic issues, many with important policy implications. Santa Clara's economists publish in leading scholarly journals in the field, and also advise government agencies, central banks, and non-governmental organizations on such practical concerns as monetary policy, bank regulation, and poverty alleviation. We employ a wide range of methodologies, including data development and data analysis, mathematical

modeling, randomized experiments and field trials, and analytical narratives. Many faculty engage undergraduate students in various aspects of their research. The economics department organizes and sponsors a seminar series where scholars present and discuss their research with the Leavey community.

CAREERS IN ECONOMICS

The economics degree provides graduates with a strong foundation to work in a wide variety of careers and provides excellent preparation for numerous graduate programs. Economics graduates pursue varied careers in business, law, banking and finance, government service, education, and private consulting. Some occupations of Santa Clara economics alumni include: economic analyst, economist, attorney, banker, financial advisor/wealth management, software developer, real estate developer & sales, marketing/sales, management, entrepreneur, and teacher/professor. Not only do our alumni earn MAs and Ph.D.s in Economics, but many obtain MBAs and Law degrees.



Requirements for the Economics Major in the School of Business*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Math Courses	(MATH 30 and MATH 31) or (MATH 11 , MATH 12 , and MATH 13)** (OMIS 40 or MATH 8 or MATH 122 or AMTH 108)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower-Division Required Courses	ECON 1 , ECON 2 , ECON 3 , ECON 41*** , and ECON 42***
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upper-Division Required Courses	ECON 113 , ECON 114 , ECON 115 , and (ECON 181 or ECON 182)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upper-Division Electives****	Three Upper-Division Electives

Requirements for the Economics Major in the College of Arts and Sciences*****

<input type="checkbox"/>	Math Courses	(MATH 30 and MATH 31) or (MATH 11 , MATH 12 , and MATH 13)** (MATH 8 or MATH 122 or AMTH 108 or OMIS 40)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower-Division Required Courses	ECON 1 , ECON 2 , ECON 3 , ECON 41 , and ECON 42
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upper-Division Required Courses	ECON 113 , ECON 114 , ECON 115 , and (ECON 181 or ECON 182)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upper-Division Electives*****	Five Upper-Division Electives

Requirements for the Economics Minor in the College of Arts and Sciences

<input type="checkbox"/>	Math Courses	(MATH 30 and MATH 31) or (MATH 11 , MATH 12 , and MATH 13)**
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower-Division Required Courses	ECON 1 , ECON 2 , and ECON 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upper-Division Required Courses	ECON 113 and ECON 115
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upper-Division Electives*****	Two Upper-Division Electives

*In addition to University Core Curriculum and Leavey School of Business requirements for B.S. degree in Commerce.

**Note: Students who matriculated before Fall 2025 only need to take (Math 11 and 12) or (Math 30 and 31)

***Satisfies OMIS 41 requirement in Leavey School of Business core curriculum.

****At least 2 of which must be completed after ECON 113 and 115. For a full list of electives, refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin.

*****In addition to fulfilling University Core Curriculum and College of Arts and Sciences requirements for B.S. degree.



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