

Using logic, theoretical reasoning and common sense, the economists of the world analyze and provide perspective on the different choices people make, both in business and in their everyday lives. Economics majors at St. Ambrose are able to combine an education in liberal arts with economic theory to determine why people behave the way they do—and thereby address the many challenges such behavior produces in an increasingly global economy.

Degrees Offered

St. Ambrose University offers two bachelor's degrees in economics: a business economics degree that combines economic theory courses and electives with core business classes in accounting, finance, management and marketing; and a traditional economics major that places greater emphasis on economics as a quantitative social science. St. Ambrose also offers a minor in economics for students in any discipline looking to supplement their studies.

Program Highlights and Courses

Students studying business economics at St. Ambrose take a solid core of business courses, including finance, accounting, management and marketing to complement courses in economic theory and data analysis to help them move on to successful business careers. Many business economics majors pursue double majors in one or more additional business disciplines.

Students in the traditional economics major take additional courses in quantitative analysis, statistics and economic theory to prepare them for careers in business, government and law. This major complements plans for study abroad, an international studies or political science double major, a statistics minor or aspirations for graduate or law school.

Internships and Job Opportunities

Economics and business economics majors use their degrees to excel in business, government and law. Graduates with a bachelor's in economics receive salaries that rank among the highest of all disciplines.

The Economics Department encourages students to participate in comprehensive internship programs to receive quality hands-on, marketable experience. Economics students from St. Ambrose have received internships at various regional and national corporations, including the Rock Island Arsenal, Deere and Company and Merrill Lynch.



Financial Assistance

Students have the opportunity to compete for scholarships awarded by the university based on need or academic merit. Occasionally, there are scholarship opportunities specifically targeted to economics majors.

Alumni

St. Ambrose graduates with economics degrees have found rewarding positions in financial service companies, insurance firms, lending organizations, marketing and environmental agencies, and production and manufacturing companies. Many economics graduates have continued their education by pursuing higher degrees in economics or finance, and a number have gone to law school. They also currently work at Deere and Company, Caterpillar, Northwest Bank and Trust, and area professional basketball, baseball and hockey franchises.

About the Faculty

Many faculty members in the Economics Department have real-world experience in business and finance. Whether it's working with venture capital or doing transactions in another country, they bring it all to the classroom.

James Bang, PhD, associate professor and chair. Dr. Bang received his PhD from the University of Illinois and has taught at St. Ambrose since 2011. Prior to coming to SAU, he taught at the Virginia Military Institute. Among the courses he teaches are Principles of Economics, International Economics, Institutional Economics, and Econometrics. He has also published substantially and belongs to several international economics organizations.

C. Gregory Bereskin, PhD, professor. Dr. Bereskin received his PhD from the University of Missouri and has taught at St. Ambrose since 1991. He teaches courses on Economic Theory, Real Estate Economics, and Transportation Economics and has also written many scholarly papers in the area of transportation economics. He has lectured and served as a moderator at conferences, testified in front of federal agencies and is a member of several professional societies.

Billy Lynn, PhD, professor. Dr. Lynn received his PhD from the University of Illinois and has taught at St. Ambrose since 1995. He couples experience as a small business entrepreneur with his strong academic accomplishments to bring real world knowledge to the classroom. He teaches courses on Law and Economics, Money and Banking, Entrepreneurship, has also taught graduate business courses in China and has published scholarly papers.

Theodore Woodruff, PhD, professor. Dr. Woodruff received his PhD from Columbia University in New York City and has taught at St. Ambrose since 1995. He teaches Principles of Economics. Before coming to St. Ambrose, he taught at St. Bonaventure University and Mount Holyoke College and formulated public finance policies for health care at the American Enterprise Institute.

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