

# ECONOMICS

**Economics** is the study of how individuals, businesses, and governments make the best possible choices, respond to incentives, and act on decisions working with limited and finite resources. Through internships, projects in the community, and professional research, Economics majors at RWU analyze complex, interconnected systems and use their knowledge to make predictions about the impact of decisions on global economies and individual organizations.



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

### Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, Economics majors:

- Partner with organizations and businesses to solve problems that matter. Examples include working with farming cooperative Indie Growers to analyze crop production and with HousingWorks RI to evaluate the need for public housing.
- Sharpen their analytical skills in the annual Fed Challenge in Boston, where students examine real-time economic data from multiple sources, prepare and chart their analyses, and present policy recommendations to a group from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Bank.
- Collaborate on research with faculty members who are experts in their field. Students have co-authored papers with faculty on topics such as: the role of women in the economic development of Turkey, whether policies should focus on happiness or economic growth, and the relationship of poverty to economic growth.

- + Do you ever wonder about the multiple economic considerations of running a major healthcare, business, government, educational, or other organization?
- + Are you curious about how governments around the world apply economic information and metrics to decision-making on policies and actions?

## CAREER OUTLOOK

RWU **Economics** alumni are working in several fields:

- Government agencies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Banking & Insurance
- Financial investment firms
- Consulting firms
- Higher education

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

“At Roger, I connected theory with real experience. It all prepared me for graduate school. I sat in on a graduate-level microeconomics course, and I knew all the concepts that the professor was talking about. I was able to relate it all back to my classes here at Roger.”

Karina Barao '21  
Political Science and Economics  
Pursuing a Master's of Public Policy  
at Georgetown University



# CURRICULUM

## Two Degree Options

Students at RWU may select either a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

- Both programs teach the key methodology and analytical techniques in Economics, from microeconomics/macroeconomics to econometrics.
- In the business-focused track, B.S. students take the Business Core curriculum, which provides a strong foundation in all aspects of business, from the principles and theories of enterprise to accounting, finance, management, operations, and marketing.
- Alternatively, with a less-intensive business focus, the B.A. degree offers students the flexibility to pursue liberal arts electives, minors, or a second major in another area outside of business.
- With both programs, you'll get to take several electives, including:
  - International Economics
  - International Trade
  - Econometrics
  - The Economics of Developing Countries

## Internship Opportunities

RWU Economics majors intern or have accepted full-time positions at many different types of organizations, or gone on immediately for graduate degrees at prestigious institutions.

- Covidien
- Duke University
- GLC Advisors & Co., Inc.
- IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.
- U.S. Small Business Administration

## Earn your BA/BS and MBA in 5 years

Interested in getting an MBA? The accredited 4+1 Master of Business Administration program allows you to earn both the B.S. and MBA degrees in just 5 years. The program includes strategic thinking, problem solving, data analytics, and leadership skills to thrive in a competitive business environment. A guaranteed internship and international study component provide practical, real-world experience, preparing you for a successful career anywhere in the global economy.

[rwu.edu/go/MBA](http://rwu.edu/go/MBA)

## Add Credentials to Your Résumé

Our programs in the fast-growing areas of Business Analytics and Risk Management can complement any Business major. The Business Analytics minor teaches you how to make effective decisions using data analysis and data visualization, while our three-course Certificate in Risk Management focuses on how organizations protect themselves from a variety of risk challenges, including cyberattacks, natural disasters, and terrorism.

[rwu.edu/go/risk-management](http://rwu.edu/go/risk-management)

# OVER 80% OF RWU STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE MAJOR

Design your experience with your passion and have a unique career advantage with a minor or double major. Many students combine **Economics** with:

- Mathematics
- Applied Mathematics
- Finance
- International Relations
- Political Science



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