

# ECONOMICS

**Economics** is the study of how individuals, businesses and governments make the best possible choices and act on decisions while working with limited 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.

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

### Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, economics majors can:

- Partner with organizations and businesses to solve problems that matter to them. Examples include: working with farming cooperative Indie Growers to analyze its 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 actual Federal Reserve data, chart their analysis, 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.



- + Ever wonder what goes into running a healthcare system or large corporation?
- + Are you curious about how governments translate information into policies and action?

## CAREER OUTLOOK

RWU **economics** alumni are working in a variety of fields:

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

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

 *The economics program developed my analytical skills by teaching me to consider all factors that can influence a variable. As an Underwriting Consultant at Aetna, I was able to apply these skills to analyze catastrophic medical risk and develop premium rates for large corporations.* 

Alex Camosci '15  
Underwriting Consultant  
Aetna, a CVS Health company

# CURRICULUM

## Two Degree Options

The School of Business offers the choice of a Bachelor of Science degree or Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

- Both programs teach the key methodology and analytical techniques in economics, from micro-economics and macro-economics to econometrics.
- As a 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 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 a number of electives, including:
  - International Economics
  - International Trade
  - The Economics of Developing Countries

## Internship Opportunities

RWU economics majors intern at organizations, including:

- Alex & Ani
- Covidien
- 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. Some features of the program include strategic thinking, problem solving, data analytics and leadership skills to thrive in a competitive business environment. A required internship and international study component provide practical, real-world experience that prepares 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**

RWU students have paired **economics** with:

- Mathematics
- Applied mathematics
- Finance
- International relations
- Political Science

