Economics

Overview

As an economics major at Connecticut College, you learn to think analytically, pose and solve problems and use models to construct and test hypotheses. You are exposed to microeconomics and macroeconomics, and apply what you learn in fields from finance, labor and environmental economics to industrial organization, public finance and development. Connecticut College is one of the few liberal arts colleges of its size to offer multiple courses in econometrics and corporate finance as well as economic history and theory. We encourage interdisciplinary work. You explore how economics intersects with international relations, environmental studies, government, history and sociology and can explore feminist economics, gender and development.

Research Opportunities

You will do original research and apply what you learn. Recent senior honors theses have provided a comprehensive critique of mainstream economics, looked at the determinants of growth in Sierra Leone, analyzed the effect and made policy recommendations about different strategies to immunize the population of India against tuberculosis. A College-funded internship will help you focus your work. You can also pursue your interests by working as a research assistant to a professor, participating in a departmental lecture series or combining economics with one of the College’s interdisciplinary programs.

International Opportunities & Study Abroad

You have several options for study abroad. They include the College’s own Study Away Teach Away program, which takes an entire class and one or two professors abroad for a semester. Economics faculty have regularly led SATAs to Vietnam, and more recently to Peru and Italy.
### Faculty

**David Chavanne, Assistant Professor of Economics**  
B.A., College of the Holy Cross; Ph.D., George Mason University  
Experimental economics; behavioral economics; economics and philosophy; public choice

**Terry-Ann Craigie, Lenore Tingle Howard ’42 Assistant Professor of Economics**  
B.A., Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; M.A., Ph.D., Michigan State University  
Labor economics; economics of the family; applied microeconomics; urban economics

**Maria Cruz-Saco, Professor of Economics**  
B.S., Universidad del Pacífico, Lima; M.A., Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh  
Latin American economic development; social protection

**Candace Howes, Barbara Hogate Ferrin ’43 Professor of Economics; Co-Chair of the Economics Department**  
B.A., Barnard College; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley  
Labor and the international economy; low wage and long-term care workforce

**Rolf W. Jensen, Professor of Economics**  
B.A., Trinity College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Massachusetts  
International political economy; international economic development; political economy of post-war Vietnam

**Monika Lopez-Anuarbe, Assistant Professor of Economics**  
B.A. and M.A., University of Costa Rica; Ph.D., University of Connecticut  
Health economics; industrial organization; family economics; gerontology and public policy

**Edward J. McKenna, Professor of Economics**  
A.B., Franklin and Marshall College; Ph.D., SUNY Stony Brook  
Macroeconomics; econometrics

**Purba Mukerji, Associate Professor of Economics**  
B.A., University of Delhi, India; M.B.E., University of Delhi, India; Ph.D., University of Maryland at College Park  
International finance; international trade; economies of developing countries

**Spencer J. Pack, Professor of Economics**  
B.A., Franconia College; M.A., University of New Hampshire  
History of economic thought/economic history; Adam Smith and laissez-faire economics; ancient Greek economics

**Yongjin Park, Associate Professor of Economics; Co-Chair of the Economics Department**  
B.A., M.A., Seoul National University; Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Microeconomics and behavioral economics; banking and comparative banking systems; social inequality and labor supply

**Mark Stelzner, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics**  
B.A., Boston University; M.A., University of Denver; Ph.D., University of Massachusetts  
Public economics, wealth inequality

**Wei Zhang, Assistant Professor of Economics**  
B.A., B.S., Nankai University; M.S., University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Ph.D., University of California, Davis  
Environmental economics and policy; agricultural economics and policy; applied econometrics

### Selected Courses


### About Connecticut College

Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society. A leader in the liberal arts since 1911, the College is home to nationally ranked programs for internships, community action, arts and technology, environmental studies and international studies. Our beautiful 750-acre arboretum campus is located in the historic New England seaport community of New London, Conn.