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, Joanne Toor Cummings ’50 Professor of Economics
B.S., Universidad del Pacífico, Lima; M.A., Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh
Open macro and development economics; social protection systems in Latin America; migration and remittances

Candace Howes, Barbara Hogate Ferrin ’43 Professor of Economics
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; microeconomics applications; industrial organization and game theory; 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
Libertarian and anarchist economic thought; history of economic thought/economic history; contemporary economics issues; Adam Smith and laissez faire economics; Marxian economics

Yongjin Park, Associate Professor of Economics; 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
Inequality and the political underpinnings of the economic system

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.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A MAJOR IN ECONOMICS?
Manager of Business Development, Johnson & Johnson
Chief Economic Analyst, Commonwealth of Virginia
Sales Analyst, Boston Beer Co.
Math Teacher, Southern Senior High School
Corporate Strategy Analyst, Burt’s Bees
Associate Professor, University of Maryland
Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State
Economist, Federal Communications Commission
Associate Vice President of Development, Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles
Group Vice President for Strategic Accounts, WebMD
Director of Global Systems Operations, Boston Scientific Corp.
Country Managing Director, Accenture Botswana
Broker/Trader, Bank of America

EXAMPLES OF STUDENT RESEARCH IN ECONOMICS
Katherine Theiss ’15
The Health and Economic Burden of Tuberculosis: An Analysis of the BCG Vaccine Global Supply and Demand

Neal Tan ’15
The Impact of codetermination on firm profitability and productivity in Germany

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