

UNT Department of Economics

If you want to know more about economics at
UNT, you have come to the right place!

Fundamentally, what is economics?



“The ultimate purpose of economics, of course, is to understand and promote the enhancement of well-being.”

– Ben Bernanke

As seen in the New York Times. Here is Ben Bernanke getting a selfie taken with UNT economics principal lecturer Harry Ellis in January of 2020 at the American Economic Association annual meeting in San Diego!

But is it marketable?

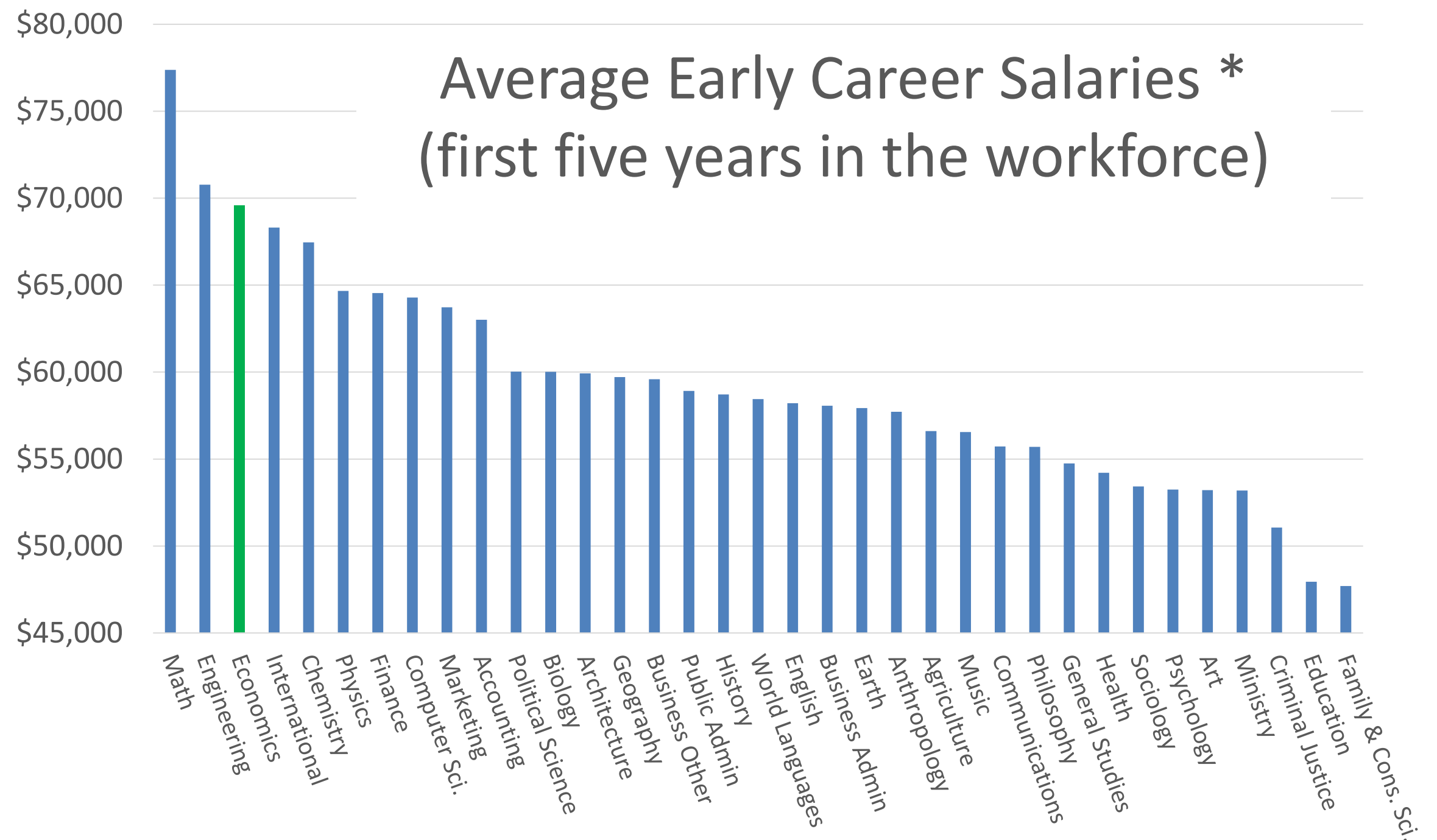
Yes, economics allows you to study the full range of human experience from:

- Individual decision making
- How to make a business more successful
- Policies that improve societal well bring
- How financial markets function
- Factors driving economic growth
- Data analytics to measure any of the above!
- And much, much, more!

So, yes, it is also a highly marketable degree!

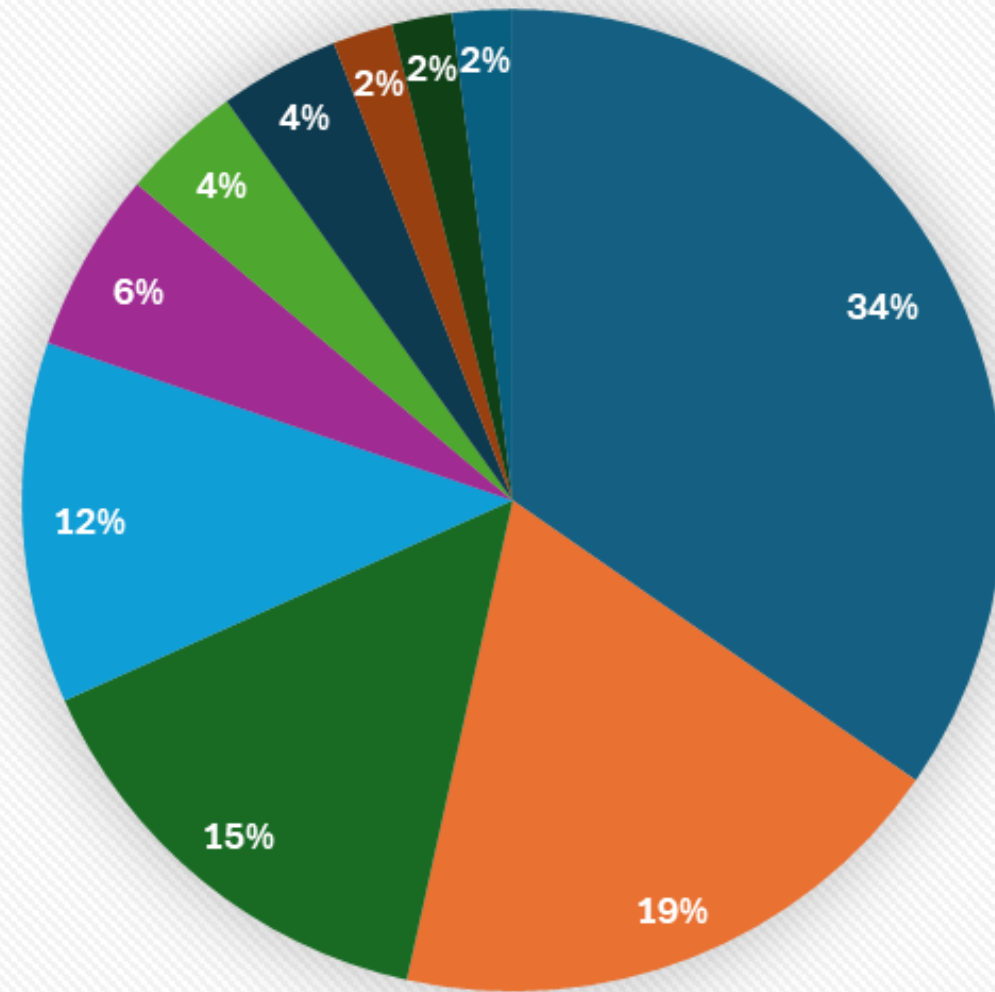
Are economics majors in demand?

Yes, they are! Here are average early career salaries of the top 35 majors. Only mathematics and engineering majors earn more than economics majors.



* Data from Payscale.com as of November 2023. All data for graduates with a baccalaureate degree only.

Where do UNT economic majors work?



- Finance/Accounting
- Technology
- Consulting
- Education
- Government
- Insurance
- Telecommunications
- Healthcare
- Real Estate
- Law



Ever heard of these companies?

The top 12
employers of
UNT economics
graduates

Leading Firms for UNT Economics Graduates



Source: LinkedIn, as of August 2024

Economics Alumni Count

What are our UNT alums doing now?

Law

Areeba Ghouri: Attorney, Corporate
Dameron Barron: Attorney, City Government
Demarcus Ward: Attorney, Private Practice
Leigh Davis: Attorney, Private Practice

Government Policy

Vicki Oppenheim: Government Policymaker
Andrew Cross: Government Policymaker

Consulting

Justin Tischler: Consumer Analytics
Ashley Hanisko: Business Consulting
Jessica Kelton: Strategic Planning

Education

Anna Katz: Math Teacher
Ian McCarthy: Associate Professor of Economics at Emory University
Andrew Ojede: Associate Professor of Economics at Texas State University
Karen Mulligan: Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management at USC (SoCal)

Finance, Banking, Real Estate, and Insurance

Lucas Cook: Real Estate
Levi Dartt, Corporate Finance
Ryan Minton: Financial Analyst
Zach Mullins: Finance
Callie Stiewig: Financial Consultant
Gabe Puche: Insurance
Cathy Tamez: Wealth Management
Daisy Solis, Banking
Deborah Watkins: Finance

Data Analytics

Kelsey Stewart: Data Analytics
Oliver Selwyn: Data Analytics
Dylan Devine: Data Analytics

Other

Richard Johnson: PhD candidate in economics
Bobby Diaz: Small business owner (Odd Muse Brewing Company)
Alaia Snell: PhD student in literature at Northwestern University
Paul McDonald: Writer
Morgan Grosser: Environmental Specialist
Nishelli Perera: Entrepreneur

Never too early to think about graduate school!

Economics is an ideal major for those interested in either continuing in economics (Master's or PhD) or earning a Master's or Doctorate in related areas such as:

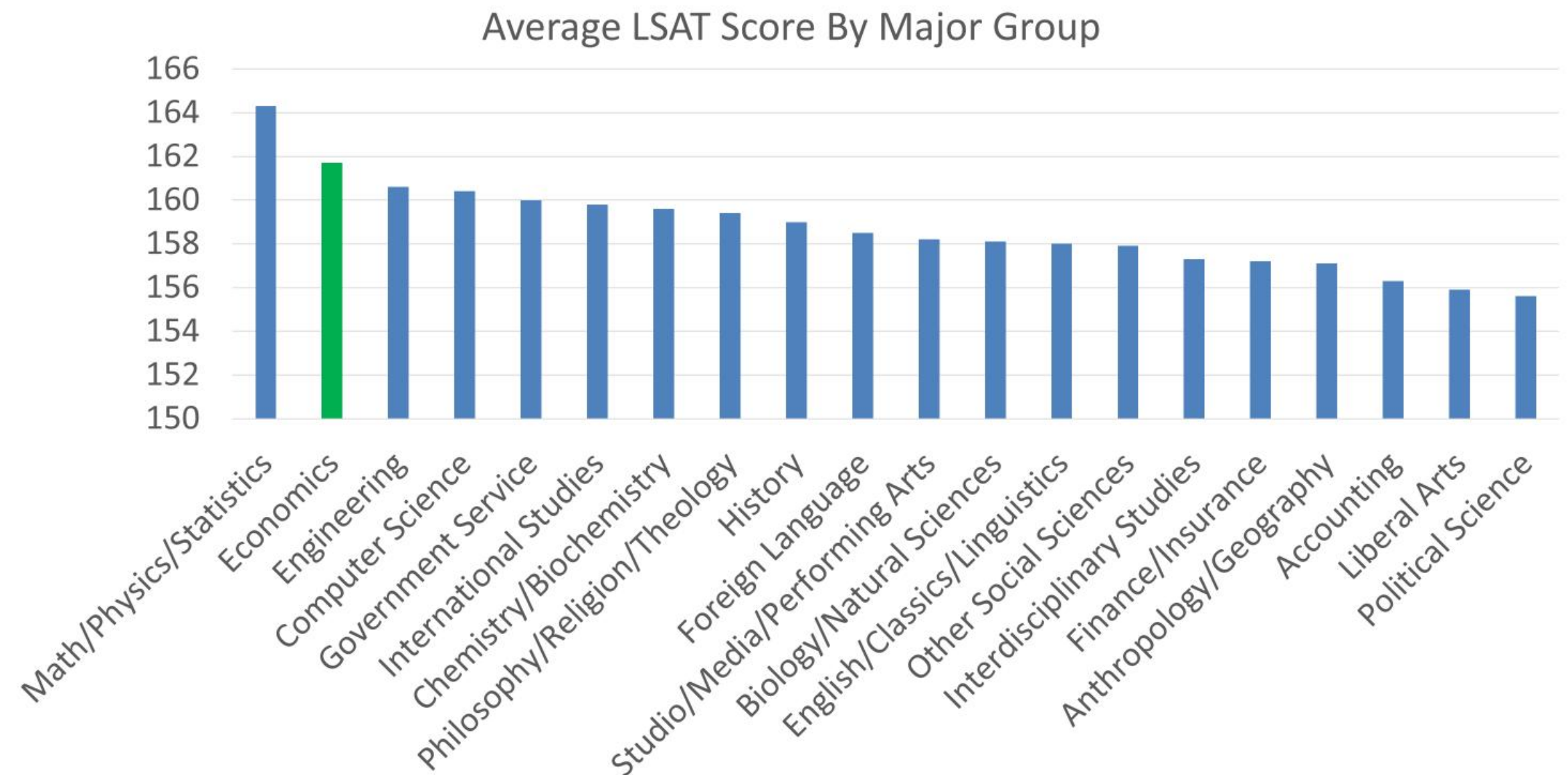
- Business (MBA, Master's in Finance, PhD in Finance)
- Law (JD)
- Public Policy (MPP)
- Public Administration (MPA, PhD in Public Administration and Management)
- City Planning (MPlan, PhD Planning)



Is economics good preparation for law school?



Yes, it is. Take a look at these average LSAT scores!



* 2022-2023 Data from the Law School Admissions Council

So many ways to major in economics!



- **In the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), we have two degree options:**
 - B.A. in Economics
 - B.S. in Economics
- **If you are already in the Business School (COBA), then you can also earn a B.B.A in Economics in COBA.**

How about turbocharging your major?

- Maybe you love your major and it is not economics.
- It is easiest to add economics as a double major if your current major is in CLASS or COBA.
- But if you cannot squeeze in a second major, you still have options!
 - A minor in economics requires just 18 hours of economics coursework
 - The Location Intelligence certificate pairs geographic data analysis and theory with economics!



And we mean ANY major!!!

- If your major is another social science (anthropology, geography, political science, psychology, sociology), then economics will not only give you an alternative point of view, but it will add to your resume and make you more marketable!
- If your major is humanities or in a STEM field, economics will allow you to add an understanding of human behavior and business to your resume, making you more marketable!

See anything here you like?

These are many of our course offerings...

environmental_economics
intro_to_econometrics labor_economics
comparative_economic_systems economics_of_cities
money_and_financial_institutions
microeconomics behavioral_economics game_theory
economics_of_consumption
macroeconomics international_trade
the_economics_of_everything
public_economics all_things_internet
economics_of_discrimination history_of_thought
economic_cycles_and_forecasting
managerial_economics law_and_economics

For more detail: <https://economics.unt.edu/undergraduate/economics-courses>

A Department with Benefits!



Undergraduate Scholarships
Available to all economics majors. We gave out over \$12,000 in scholarships in 2025



Omicron Delta Epsilon
Qualified majors can join the national economics honor society



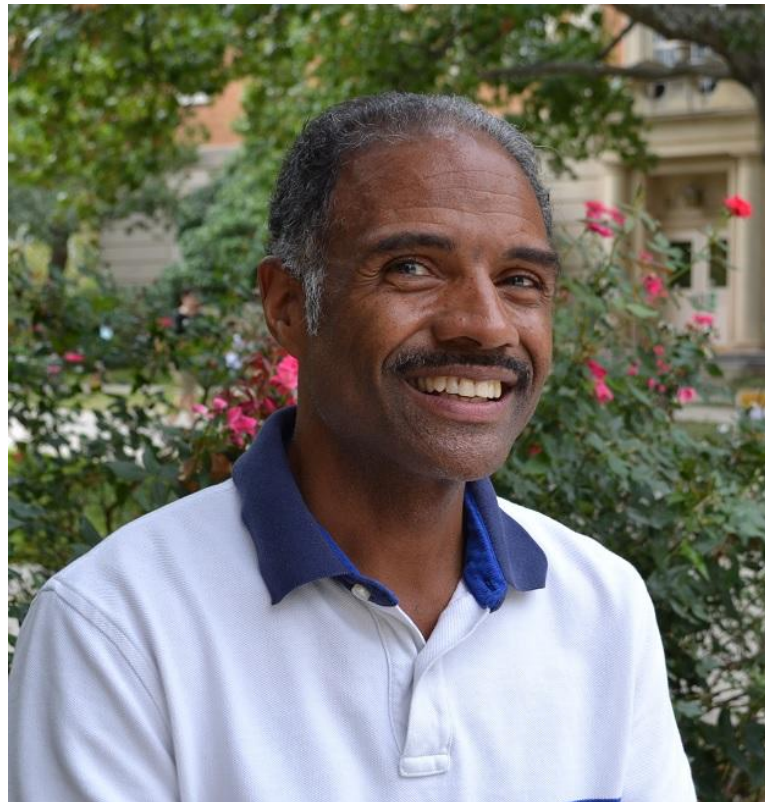
Alumni Advisory Council
Our alumni group has over 340 members



Economics Student Organization
Membership is open to all majors!

Want to know more, your next step is visiting with one of these fine folks!

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