WHAT WILL YOU LEARN ABOUT IN THIS MAJOR?

Economics majors learn how to analyze the great problems that plague society. This means economists study all kinds of interesting issues from the most devious fraud schemes to global issues such as the sustainability of the ecosystem. The program introduces students to an array of perspectives on these issues. Some of the topics that Economics majors have chosen to study include: fraud, street crime, pollution, international trade, gender finance, development, white-collar crime, illegal drugs and Economics Justice.

The Economics Program is designed to offer students an interdisciplinary approach to the understanding and analysis of economic issues. The faculty work with students, preparing them to be ethical contributors to society. They help develop students’ critical thinking, communication and quantitative skills to give them an advantage in the workforce.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL

Learn the tools to analyze the problems plaguing society
Learn to detect and prevent fraud
Learn to communicate effectively
Learn to apply economic principles to a variety of topics
Choose one specialization from this list:
Economic Analysis, Investigation of Economic Crimes, Forensic Financial Analysis

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR

Accounting 250 Introduction to Accounting
Accounting 307 Forensic Accounting I
Economics 220 Macroeconomics
Economics 225 Microeconomics

Note: Economics 101 is the foundation course for Economics major courses.

See further major requirements at: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/1613.php

“I would like to emphasize the accessibility and responsiveness of the Economics Department. The faculty is always willing to assist and guide a student on every step in his/her educational process.” — Katsiaryna Stserynzat Economics Major, Class of 2011
WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- The ability to take complicated problems and break them down to their constituent parts, so that we can use this knowledge to make predictions about future events.
- In practice this ranges from ways for business to earn profits to rooting out fraudsters to preventing the next man-made disaster.
- The Economics program at John Jay is unique in the world because of the variety and scope of the courses in the major. All of them develop critical thinking skills, but in different ways. Contrary to the myth, Economics is not just about math. John Jay Economics recognizes math must have meaning and is only one approach to solving the problems of our planet.

DEPENDING ON YOUR INTERESTS, WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Just about any minor complements a major in Economics, because this is a discipline that affects almost every aspect of our lives.

For more information about minors, go to: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/662.php

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- The Economics Club
- Omicron Delta Epsilon honor society
- The Fraud Squad, local chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Internships
- Peer Tutoring
- Preparation for Graduate School

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

Activism/advocacy: Wherever your passions take you, that cause will need persuasive voices. Possessing the authority of a background in economics will strengthen your voice.

The Law: Nearly all aspects of law and legal work need dedicated people with an understanding of economic principles.

Fraud Examiner: Students in the Major’s Specialization C (Forensic Financial Analysis) are encouraged to take the exam to become a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and join the growing ranks of professionals dedicated to preventing and eradicating fraud.

Public Sector: The number one professional degree found in the Washington D.C. area is law (no big surprise). Number two is ECONOMICS! John Jay’s Economics program can prepare you for both!

Business: Business leaders need a sound understanding of economics. More importantly, they need a multi-perspective education in economics so they can operate their business for profit without damaging the rest of society. John Jay Economics delivers practicality infused with a strong sense of justice.

For more detailed information on these career ideas and for additional ones, contact:

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“Capitalism tries for a delicate balance: It attempts to work things out so that everyone gets just enough stuff to keep them from getting violent and trying to take other people’s stuff.”
— Comedian George Carlin