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What careers to follow for an Economics Degree?

Although various roles in businesses are most common, economics majors are successful in law, medicine, government, non-profits, and international relations, as well as in academic roles.

The Corporate World & the MBA Most economics majors pursue employment in the private sector. Graduates in economics succeed in many occupations. Some students plan to earn the Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree in time. Others find employment with the BA is sufficient to fulfill their aspirations.

Economic Consulting

Some economists with BA degrees find employment as research associates with economic consulting firms. Consultants advise firms on business strategies, prepare economic evidence for court cases, and develop analyses to influence public policy.

Law and Other Professions

Law school is also a common destination for recent graduates in economics. The careful reasoning in economics is a good fit for law and many careers in the law influence significant economic decisions for firms.

Government and Not-for-profits

Some students enter government service or choose jobs with non-profit entities. Governments at every level hire economists for their facility with statistics and analysis.

Professors, Teachers and Researchers of Economics

Some graduates in economics are interested in academic careers. They are drawn by the love of the study of economics and the prospect of teaching and writing about economics as a career.

Benefits of a Management Information System Degree

In today's economy, the demand for technology workers is increasing due to businesses requiring faster, better, and cheaper products and services. This is often accomplished through the effective use of technology and information systems. MIS skills are extremely important for business professionals.

Some of the prominent reasons for majoring in Management Information Systems are:

High placement rate - MIS meets the demands for com-

puter specialists and business experts. Information systems are more strategically important now than ever; therefore, skilled professionals who understand information systems and have a business background (MIS majors) are in high demand.

High salaries - MIS graduates have higher salaries in comparison to most other majors.

Job satisfaction - Information Systems experts

make a significant contribution to the competitiveness and well-being of the organizations in which they work.

Fun - MIS majors are smart people who have interpersonal skills, business skills, and technical skills.

Challenge - the constant development of technology provides Information Systems specialists opportunities to learn and grow.

News and Events:

- February 27
12:00 Economics Information Session OCNR 363
12:30 MIS Information Session OCNR 358
- March 5
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12:30 Economics Information Session OCNR 363
- March 11-15, Spring Break
- April 12, Last Day to Drop a Class
- May 6, Last Day to Withdraw from University
- May 7, Last Day of Classes
Last Day to Apply for Summer Graduation
- May 8, Reading Day
- May 9-15, Final Examinations
- May 16, Maymester Starts

MIS Career Spotlight

Economics is:

The highest among all **business disciplines**.

The highest among all **liberal arts disciplines**.

Higher incomes than **most** majors.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2012/01/12/pf/college/salaries/index.htm>

The Wall Street Journal reported a study made by Career-Cast.com. This job site ranked computer systems analyst as the third best job in the United States.

Computer systems analyst collect and analyze information to plan and design auto-

mated technology solutions to improve business processes.

The study was based on income, work environment, physical demands and health factors. It ranked computer systems analyst to have excellent conditions on all dimensions.

<http://jindal.utdallas.edu/newsletters/mis/2010-01/>

Economics Faculty Mentoring Initiative Going Strong!

Economics majors and minors, you have mentors! The Economics faculty at TAMU-CC had initiated a new mentoring program in Spring 2010. The idea behind this program is for Economics majors and minors to be able to have a single economics faculty to interact with throughout your time at TAMU-CC and to allow a student to troubleshoot issues or problems with her or his faculty mentor before those issues or problems affect course grades or enrollment in the economics programs. We are happy to help you! Contact your mentor or any economics faculty today!

A Few Words from the New Department Chair ...

A lot has happened in our department during the past few months. First of all, Dr. Alma Hales joined the Economics faculty on a visiting basis for the spring semester. She recently graduated from UT -Pan American. She is teaching our large economic principles classes.



On the MIS side of our department, the team has worked hard in developing a plan that will greatly enhance the marketability of the MIS degree. The business faculty are in the process of integrating an Enterprise Resource Planning system called SAP into the curriculum across all business disciplines, but the MIS program will see most of its impact. SAP is a popular computer program used by many large corporations, especially those in the oil and gas industry. The first SAP oriented course will be launched in the coming fall semester. If you wish to know more about SAP, feel free to talk to any of your MIS professors.

We have also been taking strides in bringing our students closer to the business community. On January 24th, a number of professors and some of our top business students visited the headquarter of Susser Holdings, the parent company of Stripes. We spent an awesome evening touring the company after a dinner on its premises. Their tacos are yummy, and we will definitely invite other students for another tour again soon.

Hope you all are as excited as we are about all the new activities! Stay tuned...

Jim Lee

All Major Career Fair

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

10:00am-2:00pm

UC Ballroom

Come find out about what MIS and Economics Degrees can do for you.

**FREE PIZZA/REFRESHMENTS/
DOOR PRIZES**

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MIS jobs rated best jobs in 2012

U.S. News chose the top ten careers in 2012. They select the best jobs based on the Labor Department's employment statistics. Information Technology jobs were 5 of the best 10 jobs in the United States. These were:

- No. 2: Software Developer
- No. 5: Database Administrator
- No. 6: Web Developer
- No. 7: Computer Systems Analyst
- No. 9: Computer Programmer

<http://tinyurl.com/7klx3gv>

How can a major or minor in Economics change your life?

FACT: In 2012, among the business disciplines, **Economics** graduates earn the highest starting salaries. **Economics** graduates are seeing average salaries of \$58,200, up 1.7 percent over last year. In addition, **Economics** graduates who landed jobs as financial managers in the finance/insurance industry saw their average salary top out at \$64,000. For **Economics** graduates, professional, scientific, and technical services firms provided the highest average starting salary—\$70,400.

*Source: by National Association of Colleges and Employers April-September 2012.
<http://www.naceweb.org/salary-survey-data/>*

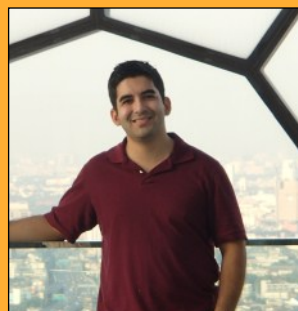
FACT: Economics is the only major you can earn through two colleges at the TAMU-CC! Either via College of Business or College of Liberal Arts! Majoring in Economics has never been so flexible! So you like your current major? How about adding Economics as a minor? You are up for a challenge? How about adding Economics to pursue a double-major! Adding Economics either as a minor or as a major will set you apart from those other students, or Economists would say, "It will differentiate your product!" Get ready for government jobs, private sector jobs, graduate school, MBA and law school and many more post-graduation opportunities.

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Where are they now? TAMU-CC Economics Graduates:

Derya Burcu Karaaslan

Assistant Business Manager at Kiewit and attending MBA program at TAMU-CC

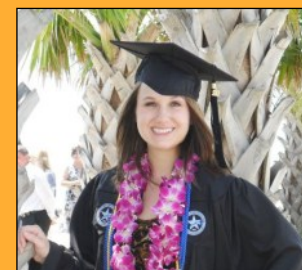


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Student Economics Association

The Student Economic Association was created to meet the growing demand for innovative ideas to flow freely among the student body, sharing the very spirit of economics in the light of great thinkers who have revolutionized how business is done today.

By joining the SEA you will become more involved with not only the school but also the community as well. The membership to the SEA is an excellent opportunity for students to get involved, to network, and to express their leadership potential, all of which are crucial for graduate school and job applicants.



Spring 2013 Meetings OCNR 115

02/26/2013 @ 3:30-4:20PM
03/20/2013 @ 12-1PM
04/2/2013 @ 3:30-4:30PM
04/09/2013 @ 3:30-4:20PM
04/24/2013 @ 12-1PM

So set yourself apart from the rest and join the SEA today!

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