ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Arts

Central to Impacting the Economy.

Central's BA in Economics offers students the opportunity to explore different views and approaches to economic questions and policies. The program's rigorous structure prepares students for multiple pathways to either enter the workforce after graduation or pursue graduate studies.

Economics students develop marketable skills that prepare them to be competitive job market and graduate school candidates.

> **I remember my time with the Central Economics Department as extremely valuable. The professors were knowledgeable and communicative, and truly cared about the successes of their students. Working in market analysis for LIMRA in Windsor, CT, I find myself turning back to my lessons on a daily basis. More importantly, I feel my experiences with the Economics Department prepared me to continue to learn and think critically once I entered my career.**
>
> **- Matthew Rubino**
> **Associate Analyst, LIMRA**

Program Features

- Attend full- or part-time
- Classes on-campus and in hybrid format
- Flexible, student-centered program designed for completion in four years
- Experiential learning in high-impact practices
- Emphasis on development of critical thinking
- Curriculum includes policy evaluation, quantitative analysis, and technical skills with computer software
- Internship and study abroad opportunities
- Financial aid and scholarships available
- Free on-campus child care available

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Arts

What You'll Gain

Graduates with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics should be able to:

- Explain the assumptions and logic of theoretical models in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and political economy
- Apply economic concepts and theories to real world settings, such as current events, historical events, public policy debates, or other economic issues or problems
- Perform quantitative analysis, such as mathematical calculations or econometric estimations, in order to validate economic models
- Analyze the complexity of human behavior – such as individual decision making, aggregate behavior, or behavior related to social groups – using economic tools of analysis
- Develop an independent argument that evaluates an economic issue or debate using economic tools of analysis

Career Preparation

Central economics students have pursued careers in a wide variety of job settings directly after graduation, including corporations, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and small businesses. Our recent graduates have been employed by:

- AETNA
- Amazon
- AmTrust Financial Services
- Bushnell Theater
- Carousel Industries
- Chungdahm Institute
- City of Bridgeport Legal Department
- COCC
- Ensign-Bickford Aerospace & Defense Company
- First Investors
- Governor's Office of Connecticut
- Guggenheim Museum (New York)
- The Hartford
- LIMRA International
- National Development Council
- New England Mercantile Group
- New York Life Insurance Company
- Otis Elevator
- Pratt and Whitney
- Symmetry Partners LLC
- Travelers
- United Technologies Aerospace Systems

Clubs & Honors

The Economics Club welcomes all students who have an interest in economics. The club holds regular meetings to discuss career opportunities, current events, internships, and networking with alumni. It hosts workshops for students on effective resume writing as well as applying to graduate school. Past events include hosting guest speakers and faculty members, attending academic conferences, visiting financial institutions on Wall Street, and touring the New York Federal Reserve Bank and Gold Vault.

The primary goal of the Department of Economics **Internship Initiative** is to facilitate a mutually beneficial relationship for the Central economics major and the internship site. Interns are provided with an opportunity to enhance classroom learning through practical career-related work experience, while contributing to the internship site's needs. Internship locations include corporate and private businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Omicron Delta Epsilon Honors Society (ODE) is an international honor society for economics. Founded in 1963 as the result of a merger between two honors societies – Omicron Delta Gamma and Omicron Chi Epsilon – it is one of the largest honor societies with over 696 local chapters.

The University Research and Creative Achievement Program (URCAP) is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate student creative activity across disciplines. Their annual event allows students to showcase their research via oral and poster presentations. Our campus community is invited to attend sessions, ask questions, and recognize our students' accomplishments in creative activity.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual pay for economists was $105,630 in May 2021, with projected job growth of 13% between 2020 and 2030.

Source: bls.gov

PROGRAM WEBSITE

ABOUT CENTRAL:
Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

3/24

Information is subject to change. Please visit our website or contact undergraduate admissions for the most up to date information.