Economics Programs

**About the Department**
The Department of Economics and Finance offers an Economics Program leading to a B.A. with a major in economics and a B.S. with a major in business economics. The current economics/finance curriculum consists of foundation courses and a variety of electives.

**What Is Economics?**
“Is welfare helpful or harmful to the poor? Is the death penalty effective in reducing crime? Should we have universal healthcare coverage? Does free trade between nations make us better off? Do women really earn less than men? Are monopolies bad? What determines economic growth and inflation?” These are the kinds of questions economists answer.

Economics is about understanding how and why people make the choices they make. Economists analyze the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services to generate and guide public policy.

**Student Groups**
The Economics Society is an active and fun way for students to meet other students and interact with faculty outside of the classroom. The Xi chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE), the International Society in Economics, was installed in spring 2003. SU’s chapter is the 583rd chapter in this international organization.

**Practicing Economics**
At Salisbury University, economics majors go beyond the blackboard. Students are expected to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it to real problems. Undergraduate research is an integral part of the Economics Programs.

In the senior year, B.S. students have to fulfill the ABLE (Applied Business Learning Experience) requirement, which can be met with an internship. Internships are normally completed off campus at a variety of business, government or not-for-profit organizations. For an internship to satisfy the ABLE requirement it must be completed as part of the enrollment in Business Internship courses.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Students who have graduated from the Economics Program have gone on to careers in:
- Education
- Law
- Government Agencies
- International Agencies
- Commercial and Investment Banking
- Securities Industry
- Insurance
- Real Estate

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“The Economics Program has the capabilities to provide undergraduates with opportunities many universities do not offer. Whether it is practicing for Fed Challenge or presentations for research conferences, the faculty were always willing to offer their support.”

— Susan Hamer, 2009

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