

# *Economics* at Brooklyn College

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The Brooklyn College Department of Economics recently adopted a new eleven-course program leading to the **bachelor of arts degree in economics**. This major enables students to develop both a broad understanding of the field and depth of knowledge in one of several areas in economics. In addition to their studies in the fundamentals of economics, students select a four-course specialization in enterprise and public policy, international economics, financial economics, political economy, or economic analysis. The economics major provides the best possible foundation for success in these fields by emphasizing the analytical and technical skills most needed. The average class size in Department of Economics elective courses is seventeen to twenty-two students.

The Department of Economics also offers degree programs in conjunction with other academic departments. In cooperation with the Department of Computer and Information Science, the Department of Economics offers a program leading to the **bachelor of science–master of professional studies in computer and information science and economics**. Also, a **bachelor of arts for social studies teacher** (grades 7-12) is offered in cooperation with the School of Education.

## *Career opportunities for graduates*

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Many students who graduate with a degree in economics pursue career paths as professional economists. The majority of students who major in economics, however, do so because it provides critical skills that are valuable as a preparation for a wide variety of fields. Brooklyn College graduates holding degrees in economics work for such organizations as domestic and international banks, investment firms, government, or international agencies. The major in economics is also valuable for students interested in a career in law, journalism, or medicine.

## *Course requirements for the major and concentration*

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The bachelor of arts in economics requires a minimum of 35 credits. The program includes introductory courses in macroeconomics, microeconomics, mathematical economics, and accounting as well as introductory and advanced economic and business statistics. For the concentration, the student selects four courses from a specified group of seven or eight courses in the area of specialization: enterprise and public policy, international economics, financial economics, political economy, or economic analysis. The program is completed with an elective course in economics.

Students who are considering graduate work and a career in economics are encouraged to take courses beyond the introductory requirements in quantitative and mathematical economics.

Requirements for the bachelor of science–master of professional studies and the bachelor of arts for social studies teacher may be found in the *Brooklyn College Undergraduate Bulletin*.

## *Minor*

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Students may take a minor in economics by completing 12 credits in advanced economics courses. (Students who are majoring in accounting or in business, management, and finance in the Department of Economics are eligible for this minor. Those majoring in economics are not.)

## *The faculty and their specializations*

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**Yuri Arenberg** Industrial organization.

**Robert Cherry** Economics of discrimination and inequality.

**Marc Fox** Labor economics.

**Paul Goldberg** Monetary and financial economics.

**Yehuda Klein** Environmental economics, econometrics.

**David Laibman** Macroeconomics and Marxian economics.

**Hyman Sardy** Statistics, econometrics, investment.

**Emanuel Thorne** Ethical issues and market economies.

**Merih Uctum** International finance and macroeconomics, money and banking.

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