Economics

Shepherd UNIVERSITY

Concentrations

- Financial Economics

About the Major

The Department of Economics and Finance at Shepherd University has five full-time faculty members, all of whom hold doctor's degrees in economics from major universities. The economics curriculum provides the student with **a firm grounding in economic theory and exposes students to a breadth of issues in the elective courses**. Students are also required to take a capstone course (Senior Seminar in Economics) during their senior year. In the capstone course students engage in directed independent research. The emphasis in this course is on a senior thesis that requires the student to select a topic and formulate a testable hypothesis, survey the relevant literature, collect data, and statistically test the stated hypothesis.

Careers

- The economics and finance discipline helps to prepare students for careers in either the **public or private sectors**.
- Economics majors find private sector jobs in the fields of banking, consulting, finance, insurance, management, marketing, and sales.
- A number of public sector agencies, including the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Congress, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of State, hire students with an economics degree.
- A Shepherd University major or minor in economics is **excellent preparation for a student wishing to attend law school**. It will also prepare a student for **graduate studies in business, economics, international affairs, and public policy**.

Get Involved

The Economics Club

The Economics Club is a student organization that focuses **on fostering the study of economics and building friendships among members**. The club is open to students majoring or minoring in economics and students who have an interest in economics.

Delta Sigma Pi

Students majoring in economics may also join the Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity.

Points of Pride

- A number of recent graduates with a major in economics are currently working as analysts for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Department of Energy, and the Brookings Institution.
- Recent graduates with a concentration in financial economics are working in the fields of finance and wealth management.
- A number of graduates with a major in economics have gone on to obtain graduate degrees in business administration, economics, and law.

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