Economics is both a social science discipline and a framework for analyzing production, consumption, and distribution decisions. The goal of the undergraduate curriculum is to offer students the theoretical background necessary to understand business and policy issues, as well as the quantitative and analytical skills necessary to evaluate these issues independently. The Economics Department offers courses that explore topics such as unemployment, inflation, production and distribution, economic growth, environmental issues, poverty, urban and regional development, international trade, labor issues, economic history, and international economic relations.

Courses emphasize the need for accurate knowledge of business institutions and economic phenomena, for theories capable of explaining these phenomena, for estimating relationships among economic variables, and for testing explanations.

Graduates with a major in economics are solidly prepared for employment in the private, public, and non-profit sectors, or for advanced studies in business, law, and economics.

DePaul offers Economics as both a major and minor field of study through both the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the Driehaus College of Business. An Honors Track option is available to economic majors in both colleges. In addition, the Department of Economics offers the Accelerated Bachelor-Master of Science in Business and Economic Policy Analysis.

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