



Economics Career Development Office Career Options Guide

Law

Economics is an excellent major to choose if you plan to pursue a career in law. In fact, economics majors score at or near the top on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Completing economics courses should provide you with solid analytical and critical thinking skills necessary for a successful career in law.

A career in law may involve shaping economic decisions. Legal specialties such as antitrust law and tax law require knowledge of economic models of imperfect competition and methods of quantitative analysis.

Recommended Courses (P = Prerequisite)

Advanced Electives in the major in order of relevance

- Econ 450 *Wages and the Labor Market* (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 451 *The Economic Approach to Human Behavior* (P: Econ 301)
- Econ 468 *Industrial Organization and Imperfect Competition* (P: Econ 301, **Math 221**)
- Econ 522 *Law and Economics* (P: Econ 301)

Applied Fields in the major

- Econ 524 *Philosophy and Economics*
- Econ 390 *Contemporary Economics Issues: Behavioral Economics*

Suggested Courses Outside of the Department of Economics

- Poli Sci 217 *Law, Politics, and Society*
- Poli Sci 316 *Principles of International Law*
- Gen Bus 301 *Business Law*
- Leg Stu 415 *The Legal Profession*
- Poli Sci 411-412 *Constitutional Law*
*Also consider majors in Political Science, Philosophy, History, and Legal Studies

Student Organizations

- [Economic Student Association](#)
- [Environmental Law Society](#)
- [Health Law Student Association](#)
- [Legal Studies Association](#)
- [Pre-Law Society](#)

Gain Technical Skills (FREE FOR STUDENTS!)

- [DoIT Software Training for Students](#)
- [SSCC Training Classes](#)

Additional Resources

- [UW-Madison Center for Pre-Law Advising](#)
- [Pre-Law for Badgers](#)
- [American Bar Association](#)
- [Law School Admission Council](#)
- [UW-Madison Law School](#)