MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR FOUR YEARS

Chloe East
Class of 2011
Assistant Professor: U. of Colorado, Boulder

“The Economics department and the University as whole have a wide variety of opportunities and resources. In a big university it can be overwhelming, but don’t be afraid to ask for help and guidance from your advisors and peers. Joining Omicron Delta Epsilon is a great way to learn more about the opportunities in Economics, and I would strongly recommend the thesis program for anyone interested in research.”

Jacob Howard
Class of 2015
Professional Intern: Liss & Wise Consulting

“GO TO OFFICE HOURS”

Ian Quinn
Class of 2014
Attorney at Carlock and Gormly

“Make time to attend office hours with your professors. Some of the best moments I had during my Undergraduate years were lengthy discussions with professors outside the classroom.”

Kevin Hallim
Class of 2014
Business Resources Analyst: Calpine

“Do things outside of your studies. Join student organizations, lead a cause, have informational interviews with professionals in industries you are interested in. Doing extracurricular activities that are interesting to you is evidence of your leadership. It will make you remarkable and stand out in work and life.”

George Ho
Class of 2015
Assistant Vice President at JP Morgan Chase

“Meet as many people as you can.”

“Go to as many job/career fairs as you can.”

“Have fun.”

Affonso Reis
Class of 2013
Data Science Manager: Facebook

“Try many different things; get out of your comfort zone. Take non-required classes (even only as Pass/Fail if you aren’t willing to risk the GPA), don’t tread the path of least resistance, explore all the resources UT has to offer.”

“Focus less on what job you can get after graduation and instead invest more on what skills you want to learn. Think of skills broadly instead of narrowly (e.g., statistical methods instead of regression programming instead of JavaScript; problem solving instead of macroeconomic theory). The job you land immediately after school will likely matter less to your overall career development than the foundational skills you pick up during your years at UT.”

Julian Creel
Class of 2017
Manager of Business Intelligence-Dallas Stars

“I would recommend exploring advanced programs/academic options, challenging upper level electives, and getting involved in student organizations earlier than I did. I would like to go back in time and change a few things.”

Opportunities within the Department

Economics Peer Mentor Program

EPMP matches incoming freshmen or first-year transfer students with upperclassmen who have demonstrated success in the economics major. Students attend individual mentor sessions and small groups throughout the semester. EPMP aims to help new students transition to UT, build leadership skills, and promote connections.

Texas Economics Association

TEA is a social outlet for students interested in economics. They function as a link between students and economic faculty, and bring opportunities in economics to the attention of the students.

Omicron Delta Epsilon

ODE at UT is the University’s chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon — the international honor society for economics. ODE is dedicated to the academic advancement of its members, and the creation of a strong network of friends, faculty, contacts, and mentors.

Departmental Honors

The Honors Program offers exceptional economics majors an opportunity to research a topic in economics and write a year-long thesis based on their findings. Those who fulfill all of the requirements will be awarded with the distinction of “Special Honors in Economics” upon graduation.

Dallas Federal Reserve Trip

Every spring, the Economics Department sends a group of students to an undergraduate research conference at the Dallas Federal Reserve. The trip is entirely free to attend and open to all Economics majors. It is a great way to learn more about undergraduate research and network.
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Sang Shin
Class of 2016
Senior Energy Corporate Banking Analyst: BBVA Compass

"If you don’t know what to do after graduation, try different things. Fail at some succeed at others. Do NOT care about failing and rejection, as a Sophomore I got rejected by ~60 firms for an internship and I accepted me as an Undergrad got rejected by ~50 firms and 2 accepted me as a Senior (I got rejected by ~35 firms and 2 accepted me) do I care that I got rejected? Not at all.

"The biggest differentiator between you and the other students will be work experience.

"Beyond the classes that you have to make sure you get your soft skills in order (e.g. interviewing, knowing how to genuinely connect with others, etc.) Whether you get a job or not isn’t controlled by your GPA or what course you’ve taken, it’s the interviewers who control whether they want to take you or not, so might as well make a good impression."

Austin Porter
Class of 2016
J.D. Candidate
University of Chicago Law School

"Find ways to get experience using what you learn as soon as you can, either through research, internships, starting a business, or any other means. Professionals and the career office are great resources. As you experience more, you will develop well-informed preferences. If those preferences tell you that you need to adjust your career focus, then it is better to realize that sooner rather than later."

Fahad Nadeem
Class of 2016
Finance Analyst: AIG

"Try and engage with career services early, and go to different clubs to interact with more senior Lambda who are on certain career paths. The earlier you do this, the more prepared you will be going into recruiting season for internships/research partnership/etc. You’re at UT to learn and improve yourself drastically, that includes both self-enrichment and preparing yourself for a job after graduating."

Michael Fine
Class of 2017
Integrated Technology Consultant: Corner

"Being a strong job candidate has very little to do with your major. Learn to be professional, learn to be a strong speaker. Learn to write a good email and ask the right questions in my short career so far I have drawn a zero-bar chart and calculated zero interest rates."

Christina Kent
Class of 2015
PhD Economics
Stanford University

"Find an alumni role model who is doing what you want to do, figure out the steps they took to get there, and use that as a working roadmap for your college plan."

Juan Salem
Class of 2011
Strategy and Operations Lead: Google

"If you want to pursue a business career after graduating with an economics degree there are three key areas to invest in: focus on building a strong quantitative skill set (particularly statistics) because of the most important new business roles involve an advanced understanding of data analysis. Take electives that deal with competitive strategy (Industrial Organization/Game Theory) and finance because they are directly applicable to frequent business strategy decisions. Take the time to form relationships with professors who are doing research in areas of interest to you because you can provide with valuable advice and help you discover areas that you may have never considered.

Kelsey Sawyer
Class of 2015
Research Analyst (Oil & Gas Practice): McKinsey & Company

"Don’t be afraid to reach out: your peers are a journey, just like you, and your faculty are here to help you. Be bold, try out new things, and make sure to schedule in fun in between studies (it just as important)."

Academics Resources
Sanger Learning Center
Free tutoring for undergraduate students. Tutoring is available for Calculus, Intro to Micro and Macro, Economics Statistics, and Microeconomic Theory

TEA Study Sessions
Informal study sessions held weekly in the economics building

Minors
Economics majors are required to complete a minor or certificate. Minors are a great way to complement the major and build your resume!

Popular Minors
Business Accounting/Finance (BEOP)
Government History
Philosophy

Popular Certificates
Elements of Computing
Energy Management
Real Estate
Applied Statistical Modeling
Pre-Health Professions
Entrepreneurship

Minor options vary depending on catalog

Special Programs
Business Economics Option Program
This minor allows economics majors to take a set of restricted accounting and finance courses through UT’s McCombs School of Business to obtain a minor in Finance or Accounting.

Bridge Programs
Many Economics majors take advantage of master’s programs offered through McCombs. Bridge programs allow students to begin a master’s degree while completing their undergraduate degree. Options include Master of Science in Finance, Master in Professional Accounting, Master of Science in Business Analytics, and more! Top performing economics majors are very competitive candidates for these programs!