Economics is a social science that studies how societies allocate scarce resources, focusing on production, consumption, and distribution of goods and services. It seeks to understand how these mechanisms work within and among countries. Our majors typically go on to careers in business, consulting, law, government, and academia.

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We have information posted near the 1st floor economics office including class offerings, faculty office hours, announcements, job opportunities, a list of advisor-advisee pairings, and other information. You can keep up-to-date with department news by checking our blog (http://econnews.site.wesleyan.edu) and following us on Twitter (@wes_econ).

Entry Requirements for the Major and Minor:
- Completion of ECON 110 with a grade of C+ or higher and completion of or current enrollment in ECON 300.
- A student who fails to obtain a grade of C+ or higher in ECON 110 can only be admitted after obtaining a grade of C+ or higher in ECON 300.

The Major Program:
Students majoring in economics must complete a minimum of eight letter-graded courses* (in addition to ECON 110) numbered 201 or above, including:
- Three core courses (ECON 300, ECON 301 and ECON 302), **which must be taken at Wesleyan**.
- Five electives, at least three of which must be “upper-tier” electives (numbered 303 to 399).
- No more than one senior thesis, individual, or group tutorial credit may count toward the eight courses.
- Up to two economic elective courses taken elsewhere may count toward the major, subject to the department chair’s approval **prior** to enrolling in these courses. (*Due to the pandemic, students may have the option to take some elective courses with the CR/U grading mode.)

The Minor Program:
Students minoring in economics must complete five graded courses* (see above) in addition to ECON 110.
- Three core courses (ECON 300, ECON 301 and ECON 302), **which must be taken at Wesleyan**.
- Two electives, one of which must be an “upper-tier” elective (numbered 303 to 399).
- No courses taken in other departments, including CSS, may count toward the minor.
- One elective course in economics taken elsewhere may count toward the minor, subject to the department chair’s **prior** approval.

**MATH PREREQUISITE**: The math prerequisite for ECON 110 is completion of two semesters of college calculus or the equivalent. This prerequisite can be fulfilled by receiving a score of 4 or 5 in AP Calculus AB; receiving a 5, 6, or 7 on the IB Higher Math test; by completing MATH 120 or MATH 121 at Wesleyan; or by appropriate placement test scores. Send requests for prerequisite overrides for ECON 110 (all sections) to Prof. Hogendorn (chogendorn@wesleyan.edu).

**SHOULD YOU START WITH ECON 101 OR 110? SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER:**
- ECON 110 is required to enter the major; ECON 101 is not.
- ECON 110 uses differential and integral calculus; ECON 101 does not use calculus.
- Either ECON 101 or ECON 110 is a prerequisite for all 200-level ECON electives.
- If you have the appropriate math background and are sure you will major in ECON, consider taking ECON 110.
- If you’re unsure if you’re sufficiently interested in Economics to major in the subject (and fulfill the math prerequisites for the major, if necessary), consider taking ECON 101.