



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Economics enrolls more majors than any other program at Brandeis. We teach our students how to think about human behavior and economic choice, as well as educating them in the ways institutions shape the economic performance of nations. Economics majors take a minimum of 10 courses: six core courses and four electives. Required courses include “The Global Economy,” intermediate micro- and macro-economic theory, statistics and econometrics. Brandeis also offers a five-year B.A./M.A. program.

### What makes the program distinctive?

Faculty members participate in research programs that include a wide range of international topics and geographic regions. These interests, reflected in the curriculum and classroom experience, engage our students in studying economic

problems and issues that span the globe. Faculty research at Brandeis affords our students insights into the world economy both in the classroom and through the research projects and senior theses in which many of our students participate.

### FAST FACTS

**Current number of majors and minors:** 408

**Number of faculty:** 23

**Can you minor in this program?** Yes

**Emphasis within the major:**

Faculty research topics include international trade and development, finance, the macroeconomy, industrial organization and regional economic issues.

**Popular second majors:**

business, international and global studies

**Website:**

[brandeis.edu/departments/economics](http://brandeis.edu/departments/economics)

## ACADEMICS AND RESEARCH

### Course offerings

Specific economics electives include courses in labor, development, education, the environment, race and gender, and trade policy, as well as area specializations such as the economies of China, the Middle East and Latin America. Other topics include finance and corporate finance, money and banking, industrial organization, public finance and innovation.

### Opportunities to take graduate courses

Through its close association with the Brandeis International Business School (IBS), the study of economics at Brandeis broadens student opportunities. Economics majors may enroll in a variety of IBS courses at both the master's and Ph.D. levels and earn credit for the major.

### Graduate study

Undergraduates may also participate in the combined B.A./M.A. program, for which they receive a master's degree in international economics and finance (MAief) after a fifth year of study. The fifth year often includes a semester at one of more than 20 business schools abroad with which IBS is affiliated.

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### Student-run clubs

Students can apply their economics skills by participating in organizations such as the Brandeis Economics and Finance Review, the Investment Club, the Fair Trade Brigade and Omicron Delta Epsilon, an academic honors society in economics.

### Summer internships

We help our students secure summer internships. Economics major Darren S. '11 served as an intern in Washington, D.C., at the Grameen Foundation, which was founded to extend the impact of microfinance on the world's poorest people. Darren worked in international development and global poverty to raise funds for microfinance institutions across the world, helping to alleviating global poverty.

### Study abroad

Economics majors and minors are encouraged to further their studies in an international arena. Two popular program sites include Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, where students study Chinese language, international

business and economic development in one of Asia's financial centers; and the London School of Economics, one of world's leading social science research institutions.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

### World-renowned graduate programs

Brandeis' International Business School has been ranked by The Economist as one of the top 100 business schools worldwide for three years running. The Princeton Review awarded IBS a place on its Student Opinion Honors list, based on students' assessments of how well they felt the school prepared them to succeed professionally.

### Faculty associations

Our faculty members are linked with a range of research and policy institutions around the world. Steven Cecchetti and Chad Bown are presently on leave as economic adviser and head of the Monetary and Economic Department at the Bank of International Settlements and a senior economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisors, respectively. Catherine Mann continues as a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute in Washington, D.C., while Gary Jefferson is honorary professor at Wuhan University. Nidhiya Menon is on sabbatical as a research fellow for the Institute for the Study of Labor, a think tank in Germany.

## AFTER BRANDEIS

### Prominent alumni

Brandeis' economics graduates include Mitch Caplan '79, adviser at Aquiline and the former president and chief executive officer of E-Trade; Michael Kaiser '75, president of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.; Geir Haarde '73, former prime minister of Iceland; and Nikolai Vassiliev, M.A.'97, deputy prime minister of Bulgaria.

### Career and graduate opportunities

Many of our graduates enter the fields of consulting, finance and public service. Alumni regularly find work at organizations such as Goodwin Procter, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and the Federal Reserve Board. A number of our graduates pursue advanced degrees. Some choose to study economics at the graduate level, but many enroll in professional schools of business, law and public policy.

*"Having no exposure to the study of economics prior to college, I decided to major in economics because of its practical application to understanding world events and because the field trains the mind to think analytically."*

*Economics major Darren S. '11*



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