

ECONOMICS

“Majoring in economics at Berea College has equipped me with the analytical tools and subject knowledge to succeed in my career as well as to better understand complicated world events. The classwork and research prepared me for a successful graduate student career in economics, and I ultimately earned a PhD in economics.”

Jeta Rudi



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics with a concentration in either International Politics and Policy or Methods and Models. Students may also add a secondary concentration in Finance. A minor in Economics is also available. Students often double major in fields such as Business Administration, Political Science, Mathematics and Computer Science.

University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Kentucky, Oxford University, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Oregon, among many other schools.

- Berea College's unique work-study program allows significant work experience and builds a professional resume. Students also enhance their knowledge in the discipline of Economics by working as Teaching Assistants for the E&B Program.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Economics students have completed prestigious research internships at the University of Chicago, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Tech and Ohio State University. Students have also done a variety of internships in firms or non-profit organizations including Royal Bank of Canada, Southwest Airlines, Wells Fargo, Big Ass Solutions, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and Habitat for Humanity among others.
- Berea Economics graduates have completed or are currently completing PhD or Master's programs in Economics or related fields at Columbia University, University of Chicago, University of Minnesota, Virginia Tech, Georgetown

CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea Economics graduates are distinguished by their experience gained through internships and the unique work-study program. They have found employment or continued their studies in a variety of fields and occupations including:

- Economics Professor
- Financial Analyst
- Actuary
- Social Justice/Non-profit Activist
- Banking
- Law



WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies