Learning Objectives

The undergraduate program in economics teaches students to think critically and become creative problems solvers. With some 800 students choosing to major in economics each year, it is the largest single major at USC Dornsife. After graduation, these students continue on to MBA programs, law school, and medical school. They pursue careers in business, finance and the public sector. And some enroll in economics master or doctoral programs becoming research economists at various institutions.

The **learning objectives** for economics majors include:

- Developing critical thinking skills and the ability to write persuasively and communicate ideas clearly
- An understanding of fundamental concepts of microeconomics and macroeconomics theory
- Basic knowledge in statistical methods for analyzing economic data, specifically the application of probability theory, random variables and probability distributions, sampling, estimation, statistical inference.
- Ability to use econometric methods to estimate economic relationships using regression analysis, test hypotheses involving economic behavior, and forecast economic variables.
- Utilize economic theory to better understand and shape social practices, political policy, financial marketplaces, and business models.