Economics @ Brown

What is Economics?

Economics is a social science that analyzes how people, businesses, and governments make decisions and how they can make the best of their limited resources. Economics provides tools for understanding public policy issues like inequality, poverty, education, health, taxes, globalization, and the environment.

How broad is an Economics Concentration?

Economics is much broader than many people realize! You can take classes about race and inequality, mass media, global warming, internet marketplaces, game theory, finance, big data, ...the list goes on. Economics sheds light on questions in urban studies, international relations, development studies, and political science.

Where should I start?

For most people, the gateway class to begin with is "Principles of Economics" (ECON 0110). From there, you can choose among our various concentrations:

Economics (standard track)
Is the most popular, broadest, and flexible option.

Economics (business track)
Focusses on finance, industrial organization, and related courses

Computer Science & Economics
Is at the cutting edge where these two complementary fields meet

Math & Economics
Dives deep into economic theory

Applied Math & Economics (advanced economics track)
Studies technically challenging economic questions

Applied Math & Economics (mathematical finance track)
Develops tools at the frontier of financial analysis