WHY ECONOMICS?
Economics is the study of how societies, governments, businesses and other allocate resources. Through their studies, students enhance their logical reasoning and analytical skills. These skills are useful in a wide variety of occupational fields, including: general business, government, law, securities, banking, insurance, and real estate.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS
• Ranked #6 in the U.S. for article contributions to the top 10 regional science journals
• Through the Economics Society, students have the chance to learn about economics through a variety of activities and strengthen communication among students and faculty members in the Economics Department
• Prepare for post graduate study in economics or law. Our students have gone on to graduate school at the University of California (Berkeley), London School of Economics, University of Alabama, University of Kansas, MIT, SMU Law, Georgetown Law, and others

MAJOR SPECIFIC COURSE CURRICULUM
Econometrics and Forecasting
• Forecast economic variables using modern techniques and software
• Learn to quantify and test economic relationships and theories

Public Finance
• Examine the scope of government activity, policies, taxes, and debt
• Consider current issues like health care finance, earned income tax credits, supplemental nutrition programs (SNAP), cap and trade energy permits, and tax reforms

Environmental Economics
• Discuss the political and economic factors that drive economic policy
• Investigate the use of taxes, regulation, marketable trading permits, and other strategies for achieving policy goals

Urban and Regional Economics
• Learn how economic forces shape growth, development, land use, and location in cities and regions
• Understand the economic sources of urban problems such as sprawl, segregation, crime, pollution, traffic congestion, and inadequate education and housing

Although all of my economics classes have been eye opening, my favorite thus far has been Public Finance. After a semester of learning where our tax dollars go and how and why the government allocates these funds, I can watch the news with a different mindset. Seeing the explanations behind catch lines of politicians makes the world a much more interesting place.

- Tiffani Porter
CAREER INDUSTRIES & FOCUS AREAS

Government
• Political advisor
• Economic development analyst
• Federal Reserve

Financial Management
• Stock market analysis
• Commodity trading
• Financial planning
• Securities Trading

Legal
• Lawyer
• Financial regulations
• Business consulting

STARTING SALARY
Average | $45,050

CAREER RESOURCES FOR ECONOMICS MAJORS
Eastin Center for Career Readiness business.okstate.edu/eastin
OSU Career Services hireosugrads.com
Economist Jobs economistjobs.com
Indeed indeed.com
Simply Hired simplyhired.com
Partnership for Public Service ourpublicservice.org
National Association for Business Economics nabe.com
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis bea.gov

SAMPLE COMPANIES HIRING ECONOMICS MAJORS
Cerner Corporation | Edward Jones | Fidelity Investments | Frito-Lay
Grant Thornton | Hilti Worldwide | IBM | Intel | MidFirst Bank
Northwestern Mutual | Paycom | Phillips 66 | Stillwater Soccer
Association | Taylor Reality Group | Tom Johnson Investment Management | Verizon Finance | Williams Companies

ON TO THE REAL WORLD!

Post-graduation data was gathered on 83.5% of the 1,255 students who graduated with a BSBA degree in 2016 and it was reported that ... 
• 92% had employment or job offers within three months of graduation (does not include students who were going on to graduate school, had other plans, or were not seeking jobs)
• The average reported salary was $50,048 for all Spears Business undergraduates
• 11.2% of all students reporting were going on for advanced degrees