Take part in your world

Why does the cost of oil in the Middle East affect the cost of your groceries? Why does a revolt halfway around the globe trigger a conflict close to home? Why does the depletion of natural resources in one region affect us all? And what can you do about it?

The Department of Economics and Global Studies at Assumption educates you about the economic, social and cultural relationships in our increasingly interrelated world. Our broad-based liberal arts education helps you build a successful career and prepares you for active citizenship.

Did you know?

Assumption offers 50 sites where students can study abroad and become true world citizens. Assumption students have traveled to South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, Senegal and Argentina.

Be part of something bigger

Through the study of economics or global studies, you are grounded in the liberal arts and develop a deeper understanding of the complex world in which we live – and you obtain the critical and creative thinking and communication skills to succeed in your career, solve problems and improve our society.

At Assumption, economics is more than just supply and demand. That’s why in addition to studying banking, finance, and exchange rates you’ll have the opportunity to examine issues such as the economics of climate change, the household division of labor, or the value of professional sports teams. In the process you will gain an understanding of national and international issues and an appreciation for diverse perspectives.

Likewise, our interdisciplinary global studies curriculum exposes you to various subject areas – from anthropology to geography to politics to history – in order to help you understand our increasingly interconnected world. What’s more, it gives you the tools you’ll need to shape that world as one of the business, political, or non-profit leaders of tomorrow.

“The Assumption graduates in our company are valued not only for the skills they possess, but also for the global perspective they bring to the table.”

- Aaron Jodka ’05, Manager - U.S. Markets Team, Property and Portfolio Research

Assumption College
Light the way.
Course of study

The Economics and Global Studies Department at Assumption offers nine programs of study that incorporate an interdisciplinary approach.

ECONOMICS

Through the study of economic theory and the analysis of economic data, you deepen your understanding of the complex economic forces at work in our society. Our program emphasizes the application of economic theory and analysis to a wide variety of real-world events in the private and public sectors.

Major in Economics
Major in Economics with Business concentration
Minor in Economics
Minor in Finance
Minor in Law and Economics

GLOBAL STUDIES

Through interdisciplinary courses in the social sciences and related fields, you examine the principal issues confronting today’s world and explore the interconnectedness of our global society. Students majoring in global studies are expected to complete a semester abroad, or an internationally focused internship in Washington, D.C. All global studies majors are required to complete a minor in a related field such as foreign language, economics, geography, anthropology, history or politics.

Major in Global Studies
Minor in Global Studies
Minor in Environmental Studies
Minor in Geography

DID YOU KNOW?

Assumption professors Demetrius Kantarelis and Kevin Hickey are both leaders in the Interdisciplinary Environmental Association (IEA), an international group whose mission is to enhance environmental knowledge through interdisciplinary communication.

Learn by doing

In order to gain valuable career experience and increase the competitiveness of applications to graduate programs, economics and global studies students have completed internships in a variety of fields.

From financial services firms to market research companies, from insurance agencies to government offices, Worcester, Massachusetts, is home to a wide range of internship opportunities. While many of these are just minutes from campus, others are available in nearby Boston, one of the country’s financial centers. Through an internship, you acquire the knowledge, confidence, and professionalism that will give you a leg up in today’s competitive job market and also make important contacts that may lead to employment.

Sample Internship Sites

City of Worcester - Office of Neighborhoods and Economic Development
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Property and Portfolio Research
The Washington Center
(Washington, D.C., for a semester)

72% of students from the Class of 2014 had at least one internship experience prior to graduation

DID YOU KNOW?

All economics majors participate in a research seminar during their senior year. Under faculty guidance, students plan and conduct research projects on the economics topic of their choice. The experience is not only excellent preparation for graduate school – it’s also quite impressive on a resume.

What’s Next?

While many Assumption economics and global studies graduates go on to pursue advanced degrees in law, finance, and business, others enter directly into such fields as banking, financial planning, marketing, sales, consulting, international affairs, business, nonprofit administration, and politics. Here’s a sampling of where Assumption alumni are helping shape their world:

Sample Recent Graduate Schools

Bentley University
Clark University
Northeastern University
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester

Sample Recent Employers

Citicorp
Coca Cola
FM Global
Fugro EarthData
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Lockheed Martin Corporation
MassMutual Financial Group
Morgan Stanley
NRS Global Partners
Roche Laboratories, Inc.
State Street
United Bank
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. State Department