The applied economics major is designed to give you a solid foundation in economics and in how it is applied in the real world to improve people’s lives. Core courses provide training in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics. Additional courses focus on environmental and resource economics, international and development economics, agricultural economics, and the economics of the public sector.

Issues such as poverty, taxes, wages, jobs, the cost of living, growth and development all connect to economics. In addition to economic analysis, you can study other related topics, such as international development, international trade, management, agriculture, the environment, or public policy.

You’ll develop strong critical-thinking skills, data analysis proficiency, and the ability to communicate their ideas in writing. Graduates have pursued careers in government and in the private sector using their B.S. degrees. Others have pursued professional or graduate training in economics, law, management, or public policy.

**Student Experiences**

There are more than 900+ student groups that you can get involved in at the University of Minnesota. Specifically, our CFANS student groups are designed to help you gain real-world experience and meet fellow students who share your
Some groups that are popular with students in this major include:

- Economics Student Organization
- Sustainable Systems Management Club
- National Agri-Marketing Association

**Study Abroad Options**

More than 250 study abroad programs in 70 countries are available to University of Minnesota students. Study abroad can offer a global perspective on your studies in agriculture. [Learn more about CFANS study abroad options.](#)

“As an international study experience will increase your understanding of economics and how the principles apply at home and in other countries.”

—Vernon Eidman, Department Head, Applied Economics

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