Economics & Strategy

Informed by numbers, driven by principle.

Economics is poised at the intersection of social science and business—it helps us understand how billions of people around the world come together to cooperate by serving the interests of others. Economists may conduct research, collect and analyze data, monitor economic trends or develop forecasts. Economics and strategy majors learn how prices and profits solve both information and incentive problems. You’ll be competitive in the job market because of your ability to think critically about complex problems, analyze data and derive viable solutions.

STANDARD JOB TITLES
Analyst
Associate
Business Analyst
Consultant
Consulting Analyst
Financial Analyst
Investment Banking Analyst

COMMON INDUSTRIES
Consulting
Consumer Packed Goods
Financial Services
Government
Retail
Technology

WASHU CLUBS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Center for Experiential Learning
Skandalaris Center
TAMID
WashU Consulting Association

TOP OLIN FULL-TIME EMPLOYERS

SOURCES OF FULL-TIME OFFERS
INTERNSHIP | ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW | JOB POSTING | CAREER FAIR

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ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW | JOB POSTING | FAMILY/FRIEND CONNECTION | COMPANY WEBSITES

AVG. FULL-TIME COMPENSATION
$32/hour

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$84,052

SOFTWARE SKILLS
Analytical thinking | Ability to simplify complex issues | Active listening | Communication | Critical thinking | Entrepreneurial mindset | Ethical decision-making | Forecasting | Global outlook | Mathematics | Research

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SPECIALIZATIONS

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Federal, State or Local Government Agencies, Continuing Education, Accounting Firms, Nonprofits and NGOs

*Information collected from self-reported student data from the Class of 2021.
Career Search Timeline

**FIRST YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- Meet with your designated Career Coach
- Attend Activities Fair to find ways to get involved on campus
- Get acclimated to campus
- Attend employer events on campus
- Develop resume and create profile in Handshake
- Join WashU Career Center’s career interest group(s)

**Spring Semester**
- Create LinkedIn profile and have your Career Coach review it
- Conduct informational interviews
- Attend career-related events
- Explore companies that interest you
- Research different economics and strategy specializations
- Discuss particular economics and strategy class selection and study abroad opportunities with your Academic Adviser

**Summer**
- Expand your network, both in person and on LinkedIn
- Connect with upperclassmen to learn about their experiences
- Update your resume if you have a summer job or internship

**WASHU CAREER INTEREST GROUPS**
https://students.wustl.edu/career-interest-groups/

**SECOND YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- Participate in Management 201
- Update resume and meet with your Career Coach
- Attend employer events on campus
- Visit various employers’ info sessions to start determining target companies and job functions
- Start researching career treks and roadshows
- Practice case interviewing (consulting)

**Spring Semester**
- Attend WashU Career Center Career Fair and Olin events
- Apply for sophomore leadership programs and conferences (consulting or banking)
- Seek out leadership opportunities and involvement with campus organizations
- Practice interview skills with your Career Coach
- Conduct informational interviews
- Continue networking; follow companies on LinkedIn and social media

**Summer**
- Report summer plans
- Attend summer leadership programs and conferences
- Volunteer within your area of interest, if you don’t have an internship or job
- Schedule an internship check-in with your Career Coach

**THIRD YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- Update resume and cover letters regarding summer experiences; have your Career Coach or Career Peer Leader review them
- Be prepared for heavy recruiting season, September–October
- Attend employer events on campus
- Review Handshake and company websites for opportunities
- Seek leadership roles in extracurricular activities
- Continue networking and interacting with employers and alumni
- Make appointments with your Career Coach for mock interviews
- Explore grad school, if interested

**Spring Semester**
- Continue working with your Career Coach when studying abroad
- Prepare for your summer internship
- Participate in LinkedIn groups
- Engage with alums at your summer internship company
- Participate in additional recruiting opportunities
- Report summer plans

**Summer**
- Enjoy your summer internship—remember that a full-time offer may be extended at the end of summer
- Expand your network at your internship
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile
- Evaluate your internship experience
- Schedule an internship check-in with your Career Coach
- Practice case interviewing

**FOURTH YEAR**

**Fall Semester**
- Participate in fall recruiting (e.g., attend employer events on campus), as needed
- Meet with your Career Coach to evaluate offers and discuss negotiations
- Become a mentor for underclassmen

**Spring Semester**
- Review salary negotiation resources
- Prepare for transition to full-time work
- Build WashU network at your future job location
- Share career search experience with your Career Coach

**Summer**
- Begin your career!
- Connect with current WashU students
- Stay connected and engaged as an alum

Contact Us.
Schedule an appointment with your Career Coach
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