



What can I do with my Major?

RESOURCE ECONOMICS

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OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

The Resource Economics major applies economic and business methods to address problems pertaining to the production and distribution of food products and the management of natural resources and the environment. There is a wide range of areas of specialization, including Environmental Economics and Policy, Marketing and Business Management, International Agricultural Development, and Trade. Students can either go through a structured curriculum or, with the assistance of a faculty advisor, create one to meet individual career goals. Graduates pursue careers in environmental fields, business management and marketing, resource and recreational management, banking, and finance. The Resource Economics program also provides students with an appropriate background to pursue graduate studies.

NATURE OF WORK

Resource economists study and apply economic principles to the use and management of resources in the agricultural, pastoral, fishing, and forest industries. Additionally, they can inspect agricultural commodities, processing equipment and facilities, and fishing and lodging operations. They are responsible for ensuring compliance with regulations and laws governing health, quality, and safety. The work relies heavily on the ability to analyze a situation and make good financial and business decisions. It is important in this field to have knowledge of the farm economy, locally and nationally, as well as the ability to understand and interpret the policies of agriculture.

