

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The Economics Department offers students the opportunity to participate in an exchange program with students from a university in Moscow, Russia. We host an international symposium each spring sponsored by the Lawrence Jepson Memorial Endowment. The Economics Club sponsors numerous events throughout the year including a trip to the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank.

# LAW



JAIME (LOOS)  
SECORY

UNI 2005  
Drake University  
College of Law  
2008

“Legal analysis often consists of the ability to step back and look at the ‘big picture’ to think rationally about possible solutions. My microeconomics courses helped me consider potential effects of new legislation and case law based on the probable effect these decisions will have on individual decision-makers.”

Jaime is a Dwight D. Opperman Scholar. She received a full tuition scholarship and annual stipend at Drake.



JOHN  
FORDYCE

UNI 2008  
Harvard Law  
School  
2011

“Many LSAT questions are on topics related to economics. I learned how to analyze claims logically, which helped me on the LSAT.”

“My economics classes improved my writing. Concise writing is imperative to success in law school and in the legal profession. Also, I became accustomed to reading empirical articles and sifting through research.”

## WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT LAW SCHOOL?

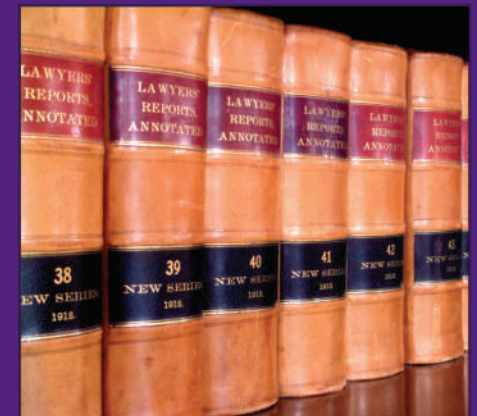
Economics is a well-respected degree, not only by law schools but also by graduate schools and especially employers. If you change your mind about law school, you will still have a wide variety of opportunities. Average starting pay for economics majors nationwide in business jobs was \$51,062 last year.

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# ECONOMICS AND THE ROAD TO LAW SCHOOL



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Department of  
Economics at the  
University of  
Northern Iowa*

## WHY MAJOR IN ECONOMICS TO PREPARE FOR LAW SCHOOL?

- Economics is one of the most popular undergraduate majors for students going to law school.
- Economics classes help students develop analytical reasoning, critical thinking, and concise writing skills, all of which are helpful in law school.
- Economics is consistently one of the top five majors correlated with success on the LSAT, the law school entrance exam.



ELIZABETH  
DUNSHEE

UNI 2003  
University of Iowa  
College of Law  
2006

“Although JD programs emphasize research and writing, very few of my law school classmates had spent a semester writing an analytical paper for their undergraduate program, such as what is required by the Directed Research class at UNI.”

Liz is a lawyer for Fredrikson & Bryon in the securities, corporate, and mergers & acquisitions groups in Minneapolis, MN.

## THE UNI ECONOMICS MAJOR

- All classes in our department are taught by faculty, not teaching assistants.
- Upper-division classes are small, averaging between 20 and 25 students.
- A wide variety of economics electives allows students to choose from a menu of courses reflecting their personal interests.
- Economics electives emphasize writing, an important skill to prepare students for law school.
- In the Directed Research course, students conduct original research on a topic of their choice.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

UNI Economics offers opportunities for undergraduate students to work on research projects with faculty, something often reserved only for graduate students at larger universities. The College of Business Administration has an Undergraduate Research Program that provides a stipend and pays for student travel expenses to present research at academic conferences.



MEGAN  
(SWANSON)  
THIEL

UNI 2002  
University of Iowa  
College of Law  
2005

“Majoring in economics prepared me for law school in ways that most other majors could not. The analytical and critical thinking skills that I developed were some of the most useful skills to me during law school and in my current practice.”

Megan is an attorney for Snell & Wilmer in Phoenix, AZ, in the employee benefits group.

## HOW WE HELP STUDENTS PREPARE FOR LAW SCHOOL

Our department provides many resources to help economics majors who want to attend law school. We have a faculty member assigned to advise all students interested in law school. We have a library of reference books, including study guides for the LSAT, examples of personal statements, and general guides to the law school application process. We offer scholarships to reimburse economics majors for both the LSAT and LSAC registration fees.