

To: Current and Prospective Majors

Welcome to the Department of Economics at the University of Rochester!

As you may already know, the Economics Department is known world-wide as one of the leading centers of economic research and training. The department is ranked in the top 20 departments in the nation, and when its relatively small faculty size is considered, it is among the top 5 on a per faculty basis.

A strong department creates a myriad of opportunities for undergraduate education. Each Rochester faculty member can claim to be a distinguished scholar in his or her field. This intellectual leadership guarantees that the education you receive will be on the "cutting-edge" of modern training in economics. In few other institutions are the opportunities for being exposed to the latest developments in research so available. A fine department also attracts the finest graduate students who help staff recitation sections for the undergraduate courses. Finally, a high quality department attracts the best and brightest of our undergraduate student body.

Enclosed in this document is a description of our undergraduate major. An even more detailed description of our program can be found at <http://www.econ.rochester.edu/UG/index.html>. Please read it carefully as it provides a succinct description of the various requirements for an economics major as well as the various opportunities for undergraduate study. Pay close attention to the section entitled *Special Programs and Opportunities* to discover the various ways in which our high quality major can be supplemented with exciting teaching, research and internship opportunities.

The Economics Department welcomes your active participation in the activities that make this an exciting place to study. Consider attending one of the annual public lectures sponsored by the Department which may very well feature a future Nobel Prize winner talking on a subject of broad concern. Attend a panel discussion of faculty on such diverse topics as the economics of national health insurance and the market for selling babies. Get involved in the Undergraduate Economics Council to influence the content of the events you would want to see sponsored by the Department.

Economics education is cumulative. We recommend that you assiduously pursue our introductory courses and intermediate level offerings as excellent preparation for the specialty elective courses we offer. Students with intellectual interests in such diverse topics as the economics of sports, finance, taxation, regulation, etc. will all have the opportunity to have their appetites satisfied. We look forward to having you partake in our intellectual offerings.

Good luck and have a good year.

Sincerely,

Michael Wolkoff
Director of Undergraduate Studies