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Goals for Today's Mini Masterclass



Recognize **institution-centric** vs. **student-centric** decisions on your .edu

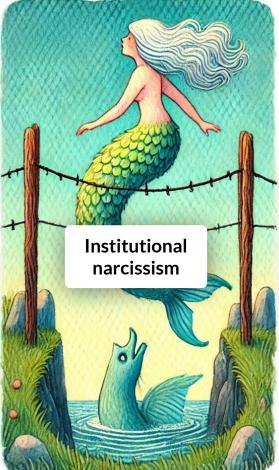


Spot subtle **friction points** that frustrate prospective students



Practical ways to apply student-centric thinking to **three critical areas**







Is your .edu an accidental narcissist?

- Organizing content based on org structure
- Higher ed jargon and unnecessarily complex language
- Walls of text outlining mission statements, institutional history, and greetings from leaders

- Points of distinction with no explanation of how those things benefit students.
- A dogmatic focus on being thorough and accurate with little regard for what users will understand and use

Let's Make Our .EDUs Student-Centric

Student-Centric Websites

Prioritize Students' Needs

- How much will it cost?
- Do you have my program?
- How do I apply?
- Will I fit in here?

Demystify Higher Education

- Craft content to that meets students where they are
- Use straightforward language
- Be human and approachable

Usability and Accessibility Best Practices

- Avoiding usability "gotchas"
- WCAG

Three Areas to Improve First

The Program Discovery Experience

48%

of prospective students couldn't find their desired program, even though the university offered it.

- Nielsen Norman Group

Forcing students to select a degree level



Academics

About Academics Academic Departments Baccalaureate Degrees Applied Technology Diplomas AA Advising Tracks AS Degrees Certificates **Dual Enrollment Continuing Education** Corporate Professional Development Documents & Forms

Academic Programs

offers a wide variety of academic programs to the the College's service area. The focus of each program is to assist each study or her educational or career goals.

Read on to learn more about our:

- · Baccalaureate Degrees (BAS and BSN)
- Advanced Technical Certificates (ATC)
- Associate in Arts (AA)
- Associate in Science (AS)
- College Credit Certificates (CCC)
- Applied Technology Diplomas (ATD)
- Vocational Certificates (Clock Hour) Programs
- Continuing Education
- Corporate Professional Development
- Developmental Education Information

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Take a Look At Our Schools







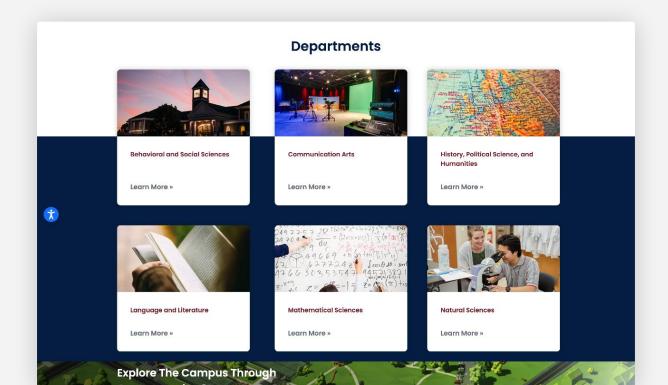






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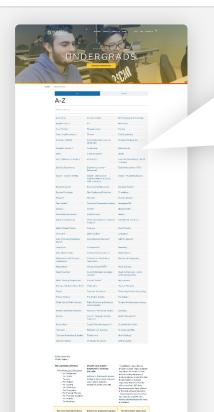
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Unmanageable lists





Accounting †	Africana Studies	Anthropology & Archaeology
Applied Physics	Art	Art History
Asian Studies	Bioengineering	Biology
Chemistry/Biochemistry	Chinese	Civil Engineering
Community Health	Comparative Literature and Languages	Computer Engineering
Computer Science †	Criminology	Cybersecurity
Dance	Disability Studies*	Drama
Early Childhood Education †	Economics †	Education (Secondary) – World Language

We've increased the interaction cost

Comprehensive program finder pages

- Lists <u>all</u> credential programs
- Student-centric filtering:
 - Credential level / type
 - Area of study
 - Modality/format
 - Avg Time to Complete
 - Transfer-Ready Programs





Explore Programs

Use our interactive program finder to explore UND programs. Filter your search by program type, field study and format. Or type a keyword to get started

What interests you?

Filter By: PROGRAM TYPE V FIELD OF STUDY V V ON CAMPUS V OFF CAMPUS

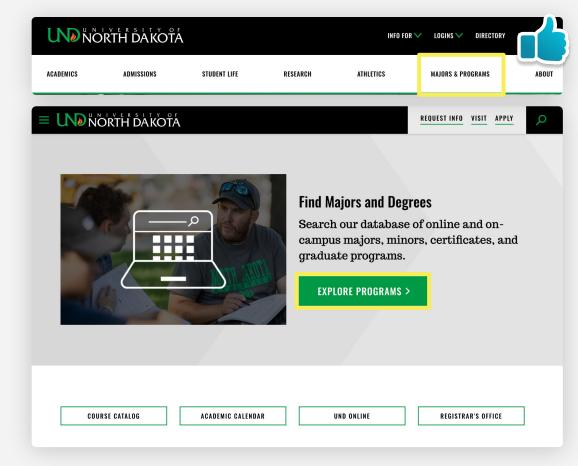
ALL PROGRAMS

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Robust wayfinding

Link to the program finder from:

- Primary navigation
- Home page
- Top-level Academics page



und.edu/

Your program finder should be a top destination

	Page path and screen class ▼ +	↓ Views	Total users	New users	Returning users	Bounce rate
	Total	262,975 100% of total	102,650 100% of total	90,831 100% of total	11,295 100% of total	51.38% Avg 0%
1	/	50,817 (19.32%)	22,103 (21.53%)	16,090 (17.71%)	5,084 (45.01%)	28.52%
2	/degrees/	23,519 (8.94%)	7,525 (7.33%)	1,385 (1.52%)	1,253 (11.09%)	13.16%
3	/current-students	16,733 (6.36%)	4,893 (4.77%)	362 (0.4%)	2,306 (20.42%)	7.3%
4	/learn/your-new-way-forward	9,014 (3.43%)	6,906 (6.73%)	6,364 (7.01%)	382 (3.38%)	62.95%
5	/careers/jobs	6,992 (2.66%)	4,020 (3.92%)	2,723 (3%)	695 (6.15%)	35.64%

Program Page Content



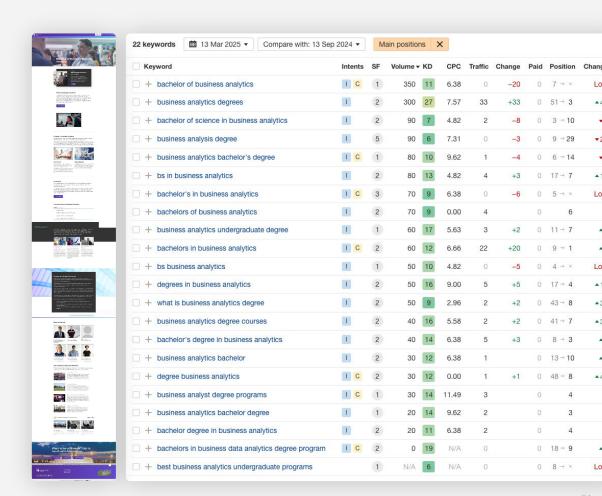
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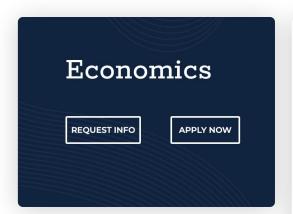
Higher conversion rates than sitewide average

Capture non-brand, program-related search

49% of high school seniors search using the name of a specific major or academic program

Source: 2023 E-Expectations Trend Report, RNL





Understand the resources of the world.

A major in economics prepares you for a career in industry or government, or for graduate school. Economics is also an excellent choice if you are considering law school. The basic economics concentration includes coursework in micro and macroeconomic theories, international and managerial economics and finance. You can also choose concentrations in general business or international business.

Program Highlights

Career Opportunities

- Business Manager
- Financial Planner
- Mortgage Broker
- Real Estate Agent

Academic Program Requirements

Required Courses

Economics Bachelor of Arts

Program Overview

Explore how societies allocate scarce resources in the presence of unlimited wants and important questions like; why are some countries poor and others rich and why do some jobs pay high salaries while others pay low wages?

The department offers courses in economic theory as well as quantitative analytical training. Our students will not only gain conceptual understanding of economic issues, but also empirical problem solving skills that can be applied to a variety of fields including international, monetary, financial economics, labor, development, as well as behavioral economics.

Economics is the study of ways in which individuals, groups, and nations choose to allocate scarce resources to produce, exchange, and consume goods and services. Poverty, unemployment, climate change, violent conflict, inflation and inequality are pressing issues in our world. The economics curriculum helps students understand the basic theories that explain some of these problems and provides students with some of the tools needed to begin to answer questions related to these challenges. We also examine the various ways to address these issues and the role of government. In addition to the traditional economics maior, students who



Program Highlights

Omicron Delta Epsilon

Omicron Delta Epsilon, the International Economics Honor Society, strives to recognize scholastic attainment in economics and establish closer ties between students and faculty in economics. The Agnes Scott chapter meets these objectives by engaging in various activities around campus including an occasional economics discussion over lunch, social events, seminars, and field trips to places such as the Federal Reserve Bank.

The Economics Learning Center

The Economics Learning Center offers a welcoming learning environment for students who need assistance in economics classes. Students can get help from a professor or a learning action to a problem set, study with cl prepare for an upcoming ex

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Internships and Research Opportunities

The department strongly encourages majors to complete at least one internship while at Agnes Scott. Internships are an

Meet the Faculty







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Patricia Higino Schneider

What You'll Learn

The Economics major gives students and empirical applications. Students begin by acquiring a deep foundation in microeconomics and macroeconomics and in econometrics, then take courses in specialized areas, including international trade and finance, poverty and discrimination, behavioral economics and labor economics, among others. You'll learn:

A working understanding of regulatory, fiscal and monetary policy

Application of economic theory to a range of economic problems and effective communication of your analysis

The ability to define and analyze economic problems using graphical, algebraic, and statistical methods

Working in Economics

With the hands-on, experiential learning inherent in the economics major, you will acquire a wellrounded skill set that prepares you for professional work, or further study.

The economics major at Agnes Scott will prepare you for a career in business or non-profit fields by providing a thorough background in economic theory and applications. Some of our students choose go on to graduate programs in economics or public policy while others go to law school. Some return to school to get an MBA after working for few years.

Analyst (Data, Labor, Resource)

Legislative Aide

IT System Consultant

ales Support Analyst

onsulting Associate

SEE MORE CAREERS +

Which page...

- Inspires more **confidence**?
- Best differentiates the offering?
- Ranks higher in search engines?
- Conveys the greatest value?

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Anatomy of aProgram Page



Program Name

Goal

Make the program and credential type unmistakably obvious. This is essential for **usability**, also important for **paid media** and **SEO**.

Standard

Use the full program name with credential type.



Program Overview

Goal

Communicate why the major/topic is worth studying and what students will learn and experience in the program.

Standard

- Use vivid language to describe what students will experience and who they will become as a result of the program.
- Inspire and motivate by putting the topic in a larger, more significant context.
- 75-100 quality words



Highlights

Goal

Give tangible reasons to believe students should study the topic at your college and not somewhere else.

Standard

Describe 2-3 unique facets of your program.

This can include:

- Facilities
- Partnerships
- Outcomes
- Faculty accomplishments
- Extracurricular activities
- Standout courses



Professional Outcomes

Goal

Demonstrate the long-term value of the program through career, salary, and education opportunities.

Standard

- List 3-5 relevant career options ranging from entry-level to advanced.
- Where possible, include graduate outcomes, companies graduates work for, salary and industry trend data.



Next Steps

Goal

Ensure interested students know the best next steps.

Standard

Provide a clear and logical call-to-action (CTA). Ensure the CTA visually stands out on on the page.

Go Beyond

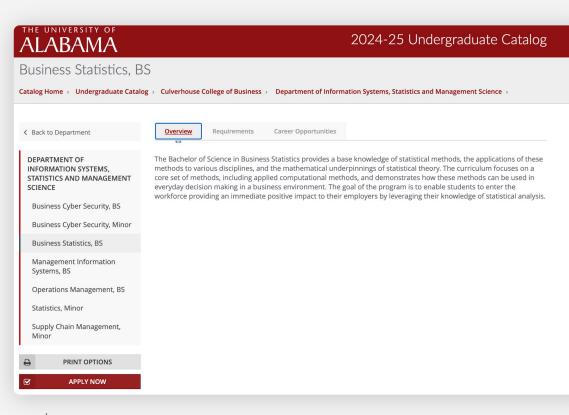
Provide options to account for different levels of interest or student journey. (e.g. RFI, apply, connect with a student)



Academic catalogs done-for-you program pages

The problem with academic catalogs

- 1. Audience mismatch
- 2. Detail and complexity
- 3. Lack of persuasive content
- 4. Minimal brand messaging
- Limited calls-to-action
- 6. Low visual engagement
- 7. Poor search engine optimization
- 8. Limited updates



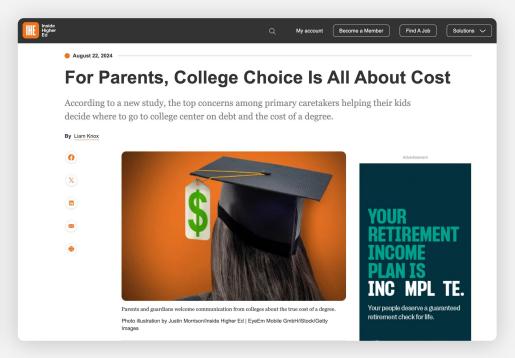
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Communicating Cost & Affordability



Cost is the backbone of college choice





What will it actually cost to attend?

Credit hour-only presentations create work and uncertainty



Tuition Cost Per Credit Hour

- \$ 101 per credit hour for Johnson County residents*
 (Tuition = \$85/credit hour, Fees = \$16/credit hour)
- \$ 121 per credit hour for other Kansas county residents*
 (Tuition = \$105/credit hour, Fees = \$16/credit hour)
- \$ 149 per credit hour for Metro Rate**
 (Tuition = \$133/credit hour, Fees = \$16/credit hour)
- \$ 237 per credit hour for out-of-state and visa holders
 (Tuition = \$221/credit hour, Fees = \$16/credit hour)
- \$ 16 per credit hour for Age 60+ (see requirements)
 (Tuition = \$16/credit hour)

To calculate total credit hours times tuition rate use the extended tuition table.

The cost per credit hour includes required fees for all students. These fees support: Student Activities=\$7, Debt Reduction=\$5, Parking and Roads=\$3 and Sustainability Initiatives=\$1.

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GRADUATE TUITION

OTHER COSTS AND FEES

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC COSTS

Undergraduate Tuition (full-time)

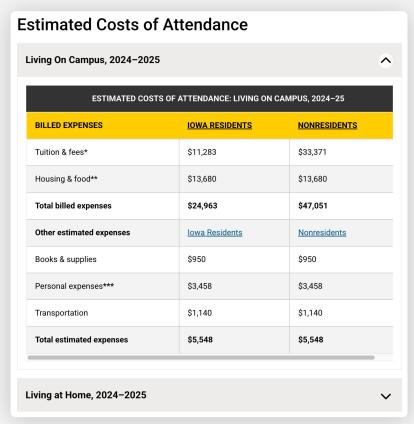
Description	2024-2025 Tuition	2025-2026 Tuition
Academic year (fall and spring)	\$39,350	\$40,500
Per semester	\$19,675	\$20,250

Undergraduate Tuition Per Credit Hour

Description	2024-2025 Tuition per credit hour	2025-2026 Tuition per credit
1–5 total hours	\$940	\$968
6–11 total hours	\$1,465	\$1,508
19th hour and above	\$940	\$968
Summer (online & traditional)	\$575 (2024)	\$585 (2025)
Dual Enrollment (1–11 credits per semester)	\$350	\$350
Dual Enrollment (I–II credits per semester)	\$350	\$350

Better option: include estimated cost of attendance totals





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Bonus points: ensure your net price calculator is linked nearby



Overall Costs

The cost of attendance (COA) is more than just tuition. As a Greener, your annual budget includes tuition, books and supplies, room and board regardless of whore you live) transportation, and personal expenses. Estimate your cost of attendance with our <u>Net Price Calculator</u>.

Overview of Costs for the 2024 - 2025 Academic Year

Туре	Washington Resident	Western Undergraduate Exchange	Nonresident
Tuition*	\$8,088	\$11,721	\$30,729
Mandatory Fees**	\$1,176	\$1,176	\$1,176
Books and Supplies	\$528	\$528	\$528
Room and Board	\$17,310	\$17,310	\$17,310
Transportation	\$2,898	\$2,898	\$2,898
Personal Expenses	\$1,848	\$1,848	\$1,848
Total Annual COA	\$31,848	\$35,481	\$54,489

The table shows tuition for a typical full-time student taking 12 to 16 credits each quarter. Costs cover the nine-month academic year (three quarters) beginning in September and ending in June. Summer tuition and fees are different.

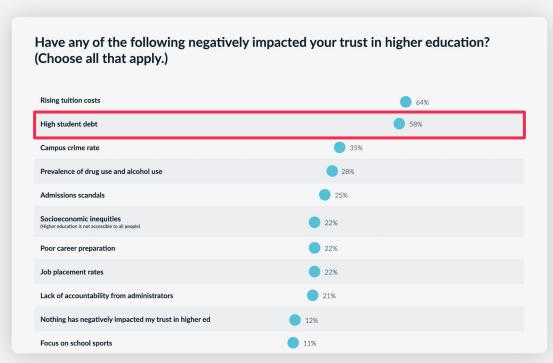
*Student fees are not included in tuition. Some fees are based on the number of credits you take each quarter. Some programs may have special fees for supplies or travel. Financial Services maintains a comprehensive list of <u>student fees</u>.

"Published figure is the amount mandatory for all undergraduate students in 2024-25. Fees can vary by location, course or program, and whether living on or off camous.

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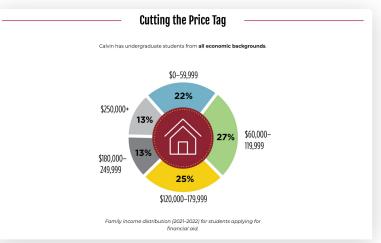
Reduce anxiety around debt

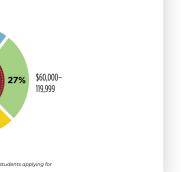
Debt is a persistent concern





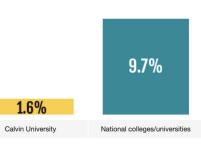






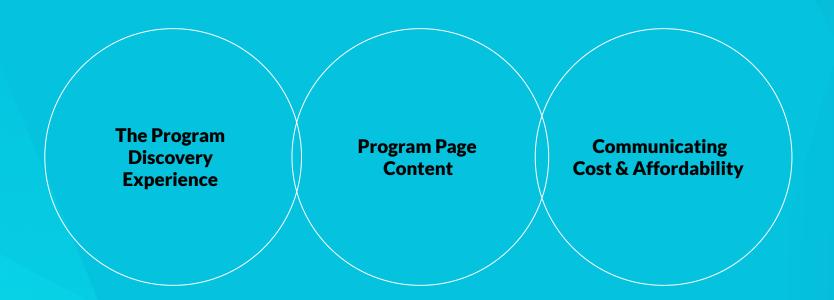
As a result, Calvin grads are able to pay back their loans.

Take a look at these loan default rates among graduates:



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Three Areas to Improve First



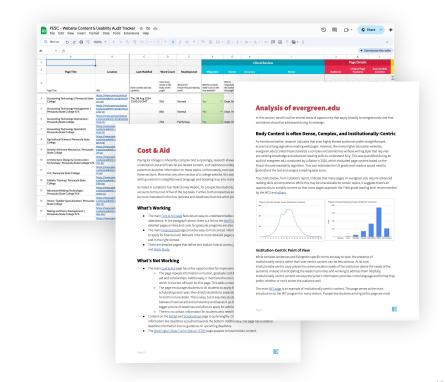
Further Help

Start Improving Your .EDUWebsite Content & Usability Audit



- Rate your site against 70
 research-backed usability standards
- Evaluate content quality and organization
- Build buy-in and alignment across stakeholders
- Create a prioritized roadmap for change

echodelta.co/audit





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