



# INGA

## ECONOMICS & MATH

### ABOUT MY MAJOR

I have two majors, Math and Economics. I would describe math as very theory based. It's much more than numbers. It's much more academic. Economics is also math, but it is more focused on people's choices. It is like storytelling with numbers and helps to explain why people do the things they do and the choices made that are related to supply and demand.

### CHOOSING MY MAJOR

Coming in, Math was what I liked. I picked that and I ended up really liking the professors so I stayed with it. Then I added Economics, because I took an Introduction class and I really got it. I understood it. The professors were awesome and they encouraged me to major in it.

### MINORS & CERTIFICATES

I have a certificate in Sustainability. It's not quite a minor, but it pairs really well with Economics. Any minor in the College of Business would be good. They're really good about pairing things together. One of the big ones is Management Information Systems. There's also Business Analytics or Data Science. That's a really good one.

## HELPFUL SKILLS AND ADVICE

Problem solving and persistence are really important. The higher-level classes have long-term problems - like you're working on one problem for two weeks, and so you need to have patience and persistence at the same time. And as with any major, just being willing to ask questions and reach out to faculty is so important.

Try some of the higher-level classes. Talk to someone in the department and talk about classes that you'll take in the future. If that sounds interesting, I would definitely go for it. Also attend the Majors In Minutes event. I loved that, that was awesome and was super helpful for deciding on my majors!

## CAREERS

Right now, I'm in a rotation program, a finance certification program. This is a really good way to try different aspects of jobs, to see what I like. With numbers and economics, I knew I wanted to do something on the finance side of things. I had ruled out math as an academic route because I don't want to go to get a PhD. I've gone more towards the business route, and finance just made sense.