
Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

Best Adjective to Describe You: Patient

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

Provides a strong foundation for working in most industries.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

I joined the Business Department in winter quarter of my first year, when I decided to pursue a career in the publishing industry. I wanted to learn more about the business side of publishing so I have more options when it comes to a job in the publishing industry: project manager, owner, editor, or something else.

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

The best way to get and stay connected to the Economics and Business Department is to email any of the professors. You can find their email addresses at the department's website. You can also email me at and I'll forward it to the head of the department. If you ask to be added to the department's email list-serve, you'll get all the informational emails as well as reminders for major/minor meetings.

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

If I were no longer a part of the department I would miss the professors the most because they're funny, make classes engaging, and are encouraging and knowledgeable. After that, I'd miss the free pizza at major/minor department meetings.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

As I mentioned before, I would like to be a project manager, owner, or editor in a publishing firm. After I graduate, I would like to find a job or internship with an established publishing firm to learn the basics and get an insider's look at how the publishing industry is changing and being shaped by e-distribution and the advance of the digital age.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

The biggest surprise that I've encountered at K is how helpful everyone is – students, faculty, and staff. Whenever I ask someone for assistance, they go above and beyond what is required to make sure I get the help I really need and not only what they have time for.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

The Econ and Business Department connects to my interest in finance and management, particularly in leadership circumstances. I am an Admission Office intern this year, and the management experience and budget know-how that I have gained during my time as a business major will be invaluable in this leadership position.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

My favorite class at K was Greek Art and Archaeology with Anne Haeckl. It was a lot of fun to learn about ancient art and archaeology because those are some of my favorite subjects to relax with outside of school.

What is your SIP?

My SIP is a French literary SIP. I will be examining early 19th century *fantastique* stories for moral and social transgressions. The *fantastique* is an early form of the English fantasy and horror, and I'm curious to know how the authors of the *fantastique* used the form to comment on 19th century French society.
