

Chris Calhoun – economics (BA)

Why did you choose your degree program? How has it helped you grow personally and professionally?

I chose to major in economics for a few reasons. First, I am very interested in learning about cause-and-effect relations in our social system. Many of the concepts that I learned are very good to have in my working life. Second, it gives me a great job outlook after I graduate college – there is a very wide range of jobs I can apply for. Lastly, I chose to major in economics because it is a great undergrad major for law school. The economics program here has helped to strengthen and broaden my skills, which will help me in the professional world. It has taught me how to think critically, problem solve, see cause-and-effect relationships, and analyze data and statistics. Personally, the program has helped me grow my communication skills.

What activities are you involved in at McKendree?

I am a New Student Orientation leader, peer mentor, and I work on the Campus Activity Board.

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time here?

I am most proud of my academic accomplishments and my honors thesis.

If you could go back in time, what advice would you give your first-year self?

If I could go back to before I started my first year of college, I would tell myself these years are going to be the best of your life – just sit back and enjoy the ride.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

All of my teachers have been a true inspiration, and I am so thankful for all their dedication.

What's next after graduation?

I plan to work for a few years while thinking about going to law school.