

The Sidney Meyer Chair in International Economics

The Sidney Meyer Chair in International Economics was endowed in 1985 through a generous gift from the Patricia M. and Emanuel M. Papper Foundation, with the intent to promote the study of international trade and finance at Grinnell College. The responsibilities of the chair include a three course annual teaching load and recognized research in the field of international economics. College-level service obligations are reduced and a research support account is attached to the position. The chair has been occupied since its inception in 1987 by Dr. John Mutti, who has been a prolific scholar, a dedicated teacher, and a strong leader at the College. He has published numerous articles and books in international economics and other fields.

The Economics Department has nine full-time faculty instructing approximately 40-45 majors per class year, as well as four professors on “senior faculty status” who engage in research but have no teaching responsibilities. Economics graduates have recently completed Ph.D.s from Berkeley, Michigan, Stanford, Yale, Cornell, Wisconsin, and Illinois, among others programs, often after serving as RAs at a Federal Reserve Bank or the Board of Governors. Siegfried and Stock (2006) ranked Grinnell College 3rd in the nation in per-capita production of Economics Ph.D.s. Our curriculum includes several courses relevant to the Meyer Chair including the sophomore-level electives of International Economics (ECN 233) and Economic Development (ECN 230), and two popular senior seminars, International Trade (ECN 374) and International Finance (ECN 375).

International issues are an important focus at Grinnell College. For example, the Institute for Global Engagement provides funding for course-embedded international travel, with recent destinations including Korea, Spain, Ireland, Greece, South Africa and the Netherlands.

The College and the Community

Grinnell College is a highly selective, private, residential, liberal-arts college widely recognized for its academic rigor and strong tradition of social engagement. Founded in 1846, Grinnell enrolls approximately 1,700 students from almost all of the U.S. states and 50 foreign countries. About 20 percent of students come from abroad. *US News and World Report* consistently places Grinnell among the nation’s top 20 liberal arts colleges. A 2010 National Science Foundation study ranked Grinnell 8th nationally in per-capita production of science and engineering Ph.Ds. The college enjoys robust financial health with an endowment of around \$1.7 billion and an AAA bond rating. Faculty salaries are competitive with the nation’s top liberal arts colleges, while Iowa’s cost of living is 92% of the national average, compared to Massachusetts at 129%, New York at 131%, and California at 136%.

The town of Grinnell, with a population of slightly under 10,000, is just off Interstate 80, one hour west of Iowa City, home of the University of Iowa, and 50 minutes east of the state capital, Des Moines. It is a vibrant community. In 2009, *Budget Travel* magazine placed Grinnell 3rd on its list of “Coolest Small Towns in America”. Local schools are very strong; in 2017 *US News* ranked Grinnell Senior High 14th among the 355 high schools in the State of Iowa. It has excellent medical facilities including a hospital that serves five local counties. In addition to the cultural amenities provided by the college, there is a large local library, a Community Arts Center, and the Ahrens Recreation Center for athletic activities. The town is known for its historically progressive outlook, having once been a stop on the Underground Railroad.

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