

ECONOMICS

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Economics A.A. Degree

Economics is concerned with the way individuals and societies allocate scarce resources, how resources are turned into the things people want, and how those things are distributed. Any situation requiring choice among competing needs can be viewed as an economic problem. Economics courses enable students to study the way households and businesses make these choices (microeconomics), the way governments make these choices and the consequences of these choices for the nation as a whole (macroeconomics). The curriculum also addresses international trade, social welfare, money and banking, taxation, and environmental protection.

Career opportunities: An economics major with an A.A. degree generally transfers to a four-year institution to complete a Bachelor's degree. Economics graduates at the Bachelor's level are qualified for a variety of positions with government, industry, and public interest organizations and they are well prepared to enter a graduate program in economics, business, journalism, law, or public policy. Teaching at the two-year college level is an option if a Master's degree is obtained. An economist can obtain the Ph.D. Degree, which may lead to research and/or teaching at the university level, or basic research in government, industry, or public interest organizations. Nearly every four-year college and university offers an economics major.

Learning Outcomes

The Cabrillo College Core Competencies (with an emphasis in the study of Economics):

1. Communication: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, and/or Conversing
2. Critical Thinking and Information Competency: Analysis, Computation, Research, Problem Solving
3. Global Awareness: An appreciation of Scientific Processes, Global Systems and Civics, and Artistic Variety
4. Personal Responsibility and Professional Development: Self-Management and Self-Awareness, Social and Physical Wellness, Workplace Skills

Model Program for Economics

An Associate Degree requires 60 units appropriate to your educational goal, to include general education and at least 18 units in a major. Courses should be selected to meet the lower-division major preparation requirements at your intended transfer university - these specific requirements can be found at www.assist.org for 4-year public institutions in California. Please see a counselor for advisement to ensure you are taking the best possible courses given your goal.

The department presents the following suggested Model Program for this major. The courses listed below may or may not be appropriate depending on your specific goal. Please see a counselor for advisement for transfer to any 4- year institution.

A.A. General Education

Core Courses (16-21 Units)

ECON 1A	Introduction to Macroeconomics.....	3
ECON 1B	Introduction to Microeconomics.....	3

30 Units
Units

MATH 13	Finite Mathematics.....	3
and MATH 18	Business Calculus.....	4
or MATH 5A	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I.....	5
and		
MATH 5B	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II.....	5
MATH 12	Elementary Statistics.....	5
or MATH 12H	Honors Elementary Statistics.....	5
or BUS 9	Business Statistics.....	3
Plus one course chosen from the following: (3-5 Units) Units		
ACCT 1A	Financial Accounting.....	4
ACCT 1B	Managerial Accounting.....	4
ANTHR 2	Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural.....	3
ANTHR 2H	Honors Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural.....	3
BUS 18	Business Law.....	4
ES 10	Introduction to Environmental Science.....	3
FIN 10	Introduction to Investments.....	4
GEOG 2	Cultural Geography.....	3
MATH 5C	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III.....	5
MATH 6	Introduction to Linear Algebra.....	3
MATH 7	Introduction to Differential Equations.....	3
PSYCH 1	General Psychology.....	3
or		
PSYCH 1H	Honors General Psychology.....	3
PSYCH 6	Introduction to Social Psychology.....	3
PSYCH 12	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology.....	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Society.....	3
or		
SOC 1H	Honors Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Society.....	3
SOC 2	Contemporary Social Problems.....	3
or		
SOC 2H	Honors Contemporary Social Problems.....	3
Electives:		
(Any Course Numbered 1-99).....		4 - 11
Total Units		60

Economics Courses

ECON 1A Introduction to Macroeconomics

3 units; 3 hours Lecture
 Prerequisite: MATH 154 or equivalent.
 Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100 and READ 100.
 Introduces national income accounting, banking, and Federal Reserve System, determinants of the level of unemployment and inflation, examination of economic growth and business cycles, and government economic policy. May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.
Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: ECON 202

ECON 1B Introduction to Microeconomics

3 units; 3 hours Lecture
 Prerequisite: MATH 154 or equivalent.
 Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100 and READ 100.
 Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.
 Introduces markets, demand and consumer behavior, supply and firm behavior, competition and market power, efficiency and market failure, wages and labor markets, income distribution, and government regulation of markets. May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.
Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: ECON 201