

# PROGRAM OF STUDY

## Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer

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.

Cabrillo College offers an option for degrees in Economics. The first option listed below is the Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer (A.A.-T.), which is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system.

The following is required for all A.A.-T or A.S.-T degrees:

- Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- Minimum grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA.
- Completion of a minimum of \*18 semester units in the major with a letter grade of "C" or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass/no pass" basis. \*Note: this degree requires greater than 18 units in the major for completion.
- Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

### Completion of CSU or IGETC for CSU General Education Requirements

**GE Units**

37 - 39

### Take required Core courses (13-16 units)

**Units**

ECON 1A	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
ECON 1B	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
MATH 12	Elementary Statistics	5
	<b>or</b>	
MATH 12H	Honors Elementary Statistics	5
	<b>or</b>	
BUS 9	Business Statistics	3
	<b>and</b>	
MATH 18	Business Calculus	4
	<b>or</b>	
MATH 5A	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	5

*\*BUS 9 is an approved substitution for MATH 12/12H if listed on ASSIST.org as an approved substitution for the major at the specific CSU.*

### List A - Take one course from the following: (3-5 units)

**Units**

ACCT 1A	Financial Accounting	4
ACCT 1B	Managerial Accounting	4
BUS 5	Business Information Systems	4
BUS 18	Business Law	4
BUS 52	Business Communications	3
CS 1	Introduction to Computers and Computer Technology	3

MATH 5B	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	5
MATH 13	Finite Mathematics	3
Any course articulated as lower-division major preparation at a CSU		

**List B: Take 1 course from the following: (3-5 units)**

**Units**

Any course not used in List A above		
Any CSU transferable ECON course		
MATH 5C	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III	5
MATH 7	Introduction to Differential Equations	3

Note: All ECON and MATH courses, and BUS 9 are also general education courses.

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**Total Units** **60**