

Program Description

Economics is concerned with the study of how people make choices when they face scarcity and the consequences of these choices for society. The Economics Program offers an AA-T degree in Economics that provides both a general academic experience and professional preparation. The AA-T degree is designed to facilitate student matriculation to four-year colleges and provides an understanding of the economic world we live in. The program emphasizes economic analysis, institutions and policies in regional, national, and international settings. Classes draw connection between economic principles and current issues and events,

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Career Options

Accountant	Investment Analyst
Arbitrator	Labor Relations
Attorney	Macro Economist
Budget Analyst	Manpower Economist
Business Analyst	Natural Resource Economist
Commodity Economist	Operations Research Analyst
Development Economist	Economist
Economic Analyst	Project Economist
Industrial Relations Specialist	Research Economist

(Careers may require education beyond the two-year college level.)

Program Learning Outcomes

Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer

- Students will be able to comprehend the key components of the discipline by being able to describe, analyze, and evaluate the various components of an economy and the main tenets of economic theory using the language and vocabulary of the discipline of economics.
- Students will be able to demonstrate their ability to apply economic analysis and the conceptual framework of economics to help in the understanding, discussion and exploration of everyday problems in real-world situations.
- Students will be able to communicate effectively in written, oral, and graphical form about specific issues related to the major concepts and theories of the discipline of economics.
- Students will be able to identify careers options that utilize the knowledge and skill sets of the discipline of economics.

Associate Degree

Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer

The Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer (AA-T in Economics) degree program has been developed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of the field of Economics, which emphasizes economic analysis, institutions and policies in regional, national and international settings.

The Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer (AA-T in Economics) degree meets the requirements of SB 1440 for Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT). These degrees are intended to make it easier for students to transfer to California State University campuses but do not exclude admittance to other colleges or universities.

To earn an Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer (AA-T in Economics) degree a student must complete the following:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements.
 - A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADTs also require that students must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A “P” (Pass) grade is also an acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

Required Course (14-19 units):

	units
ECON 101, Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 102, Principles of Microeconomics	3
MATH 115, Statistics <i>or</i> MATH 116, Statistics using R	4
MATH 148, Calculus for Business & Economics	4
OR	
MATH 150, Calculus and Analytic Geometry	5
OR	
MATH 150, Calculus and Analytic Geometry <i>and</i>	
MATH 160, Calculus and Analytic Geometry	9

Required Electives A (Select 3-4 units):

	units
ACCT 201, Financial Accounting	4
ACCT 205, Managerial Accounting	4
BUS 113, Business Communications	3
BUS 201, Business Law	3
CA 221, Computer Concepts & Applications in Business <i>or</i>	
CIS 101, Introduction to Computer Information Science	3-4
MATH 124, Finite Math	4
MATH 160, Calculus and Analytic Geometry <i>or</i>	
MATH 150, Calculus and Analytic Geometry <i>and</i>	
MATH 160, Calculus and Analytic Geometry	9

Required Electives B (Select 3-4 units): units

or select any course from List A not already used

ECON 100, Survey of Economics	3
ECON 110, Economics of the Underclass	3
MATH 250, Calculus and Analytic Geometry	4
MATH 220, Linear Algebra	4
PSY 101, General Psychology	3
POLS 101, American Political Institutions	3
SOC 101, Introduction to Sociology	3
Any CSU transferable introductory course in the social sciences articulated as filling CSU GE Area D	3

Some courses required for the major may also satisfy general education requirements. Consult with a counselor for additional information.

Recommended Pathway

Fall, First Semester	units
Required Elective A (recommended MATH 124)	4
Required Elective B (recommended ECON 100)	3
CSU GE A2 (ENGL 101)	3
CSU GE B1/B3	4

Total 14

Spring, Second Semester	units
CSU GE D (ECON 102, Principles of Microeconomics)	3
MATH 148, Calculus of Business and Economics	4
CSU GE A1 (COMM 101)	3
CSU GE C1	3
CSU GE E	3

Total 16

Fall, Third Semester	units
ECON 101, Principles of Macroeconomics	3
CSU GE A3	3
CSU GE C2 (recommended HIST 107, 108, 110 or 111)	3
CSU Transferable Electives	3
CSU GE F	3

Total 15

Spring, Fourth Semester	units
MATH 115, Statistics (CSU GE B4)	4
CSU GE B2 (and B3 if needed)	3
CSU GE C1/C2	3
CSU GE D (recommended POLS 101)	3
CSU Transferable Electives	2

Total 15**Degree Total 60**

Note: If you are following a IGETC GE pattern, please see a counselor.

Transfer

Students planning to continue studies at a four-year college or university after AVC should visit the Transfer Center and consult with a counselor as soon as possible. Additional information on official transfer articulation agreements from AVC to many CSU/UC campuses can be found at www.assist.org

Prerequisite Completion

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. According to Title 5, Section 55200(d), a satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Classes in which the Pass/No Pass option is available are indicated with an asterisk (*) before the course title. See "Pass/No Pass Option" in the catalog for full explanation.

Economics Courses**ECON 100 *SURVEY OF ECONOMICS**

3 units

3 hours weekly

A general education course surveying the American economy from both microeconomic and macroeconomic perspectives. The course is not intended for business or economics majors. Topics include business cycles; unemployment; inflation; international trade; income distribution; market structure and performance; and the economic behavior of firms, households, and government. Credit will not be given if taken after ECON 101 or 102. (CSU, AVC)

ECON 101 *PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS

3 units

3 hours weekly

Principles of Macroeconomics is the study of the aggregate economic analysis of the U.S. economy. Topics covered include: national income accounts; inflation; unemployment; economic growth; business cycles; money and financial institutions; interest rates; monetary and fiscal policy; international trade and finance. (C-ID: ECON 202) (CSU, UC, AVC)

ECON 102 *PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS

3 units

3 hours weekly

Advisory: Completion of ENGL 101 or placement by multiple measures.

Prerequisite: Completion of Intermediate Algebra or higher or placement by multiple measures.

This course is a study of the basic economic principles governing individual and business decisions. It includes an introductory analysis of fundamental microeconomic concepts and the application of these concepts to understanding the causes and consequences of consumer and business firm actions. It examines the determinants of firm specific supply and individual consumer demand, cost-benefit analysis, the theory of competitive equilibrium, price determination in various alternative market structures, and international trade. (C-ID: ECON 201) (CSU, UC, AVC)

ECON 110 *ECONOMICS OF THE UNDERCLASS

3 units

3 hours weekly

Advisory: Completion of ENGL 101 or placement by multiple measures.

Investigation of the economic inequalities as they presently exist in America and their ramifications for the permanent underclass in our society. Course focuses primarily on women, Blacks, Chicanos, and deals specifically with the economic impact of poverty, unemployment, and discrimination on these groups. (CSU, UC, AVC)