

# BA IN ECONOMICS

Units required for Major: 42-45

Total units required for BA: 120

## Program Description

The Economics program is appealing to students due to the quality of its faculty, the breadth of its course offerings, and the amount of choice it offers the student in planning his or her coursework. In addition to training in the traditional economics areas, the program offers such diverse courses as the California economy, state and local finance, energy, environmental and resource economics, and urban economics. Students find the Department of Economics congenial to their educational and career objectives.

**Note:** Students planning ahead for graduate work in Economics should consult an advisor regarding additional and/or focused coursework in mathematics, statistics, and computer science.

**Note:** The Department schedules courses so that the upper division requirements for the BA can be completed at night within two academic years. Evening students should contact the Department for assistance in planning a two-year program. Failure to do so may mean a delay in graduation due to scheduling problems.

## Pre-Major Requirements

Freshman or transfer students interested in the Economics Major are admitted as Pre-Major Economics students.

To change to an Economics major, all students are required to complete the following grade and course requirements; complete a Department of Economics Change of Major form; and meet with a faculty advisor.

1. An overall GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing.
2. Completion of the Pre-Major Required Courses with a "C" or better in each course. Only first or second attempts will be considered.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Pre-Major Required Courses (12 Units)</b>		
ECON 1A	Introduction to Macroeconomic Analysis <sup>1</sup>	3
ECON 1B	Introduction to Microeconomic Analysis <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH 24	Modern Business Mathematics	3
STAT 1	Introduction to Statistics <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Required Upper Division Courses (15 Units)</b>		
ECON 100A	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	3
ECON 100B	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	3
ECON 101	History of Economic Thought	3
or ECON 113	Economic History of the United States	3
ECON 140	Quantitative Economic Analysis	3
ECON 145	Economic Research Methods	3
<b>Electives (18 Units)</b>		
Select 18 units of upper division Economics courses <sup>2</sup>		18
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>45</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Additional upper division courses in Economics, selected in consultation with a faculty advisor.

### Notes:

- Minimum grade of "C" required in all courses listed above.
- ECON 145 must be completed in the student's graduating semester. The following must be completed prior to enrolling in ECON 145:

Code	Title	Units
ECON 100A	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	3
ECON 100B	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	3
ECON 140	Quantitative Economic Analysis	3

- MATH 24 requirement can also be met by completing MATH 26A or MATH 30 with a grade of "C" or better.
- MATH 26A or MATH 30, or an upper division course in math or statistics, selected in consultation with an advisor, may also substitute for three of the 33 upper division units in Economics.
- ECON 104 does not meet major requirements.
- No more than 3 units total of the following may be included in the 33 total required upper division units:

Code	Title	Units
ECON 195	Economic Internship	1 - 3
ECON 198	Tutoring in Economics	1 - 3
ECON 199	Special Problems	1 - 3

- No more than 3 units from the following set of courses may be used to meet the requirements of the Economics major:

Code	Title	Units
ECON 112	European Economic History	3
ECON 120	Economics and Environmental Degradation	3
ECON 181	Economics of Racism 🗳️	3
ECON 184	Women and the Economy	3
ECON 189	Economics at the Movies	3

- Students planning graduate work in Economics should consult an advisor regarding additional coursework in mathematics, statistics, and computer science. The following are strongly recommended:

Code	Title	Units
ECON 141	Introduction to Econometrics	3
MATH 26A	Calculus I for the Social and Life Sciences	3
MATH 26B	Calculus II for the Social and Life Sciences	3

## General Education Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)</b>		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
<b>Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (7 Units)</b>		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3

B3 - Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4 - Math Concepts <sup>2</sup>	0
B5 - Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	0
<b>Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)</b>	
C1 - Arts	3
C2 - Humanities	3
C1/C2 - Area C Course	3
C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area D: The Individual and Society (3 Units)</b>	
Area D Course <sup>2</sup>	0
Area D Course <sup>2</sup>	0
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)</b>	
Area E Course	3
<b>Area F: Ethnic Studies</b>	
Area F Course	
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup> To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

## Graduation Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (9 Units)</b>		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI)		3
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)</b>		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>2</sup>		6

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<sup>2</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency

Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

The following roadmaps are sample planning resources. Please consult your academic advisor and Academic Catalog for graduation requirements as you develop your individualized academic plan.

## Economics, BA: 4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ECON 1A	Introduction to Macroeconomic Analysis	3
GE Area 1C - Oral Communication <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ECON 1B	Introduction to Microeconomic Analysis	3
STAT 1	Introduction to Statistics	3
GE Area 1A - English Composition <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 1B - Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>		3
GR American Institutions (US History) <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
MATH 24	Modern Business Mathematics	3
GE Area 3A - Arts <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 3B - Humanities <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 5A - Physical Science <sup>2</sup>		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 <sup>2</sup>		4
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ENGL 20	College Composition II	3
GE Area 5B - Biological Science <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area 5C - Laboratory <sup>2</sup>		1
Foreign Language Semester 2 <sup>2</sup>		4
GR American Institutions (GOVT) <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ECON 100A	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	3
ECON 101 or ECON 113	History of Economic Thought <sup>3</sup> or Economic History of the United States	3
ECON 140	Quantitative Economic Analysis	3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ECON 100B	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>		3

Writing Intensive <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ECON 145	Economic Research Methods	3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>120</b>

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<sup>3</sup>. Please see an academic advisor for elective options.

## Economics, BA: 2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ECON 100A	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	3
ECON 101 or ECON 113	History of Economic Thought or Economic History of the United States	3
ECON 140	Quantitative Economic Analysis	3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ECON 100B	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning <sup>2</sup>		3
Writing Intensive <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities <sup>2</sup>		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 <sup>2</sup>		4
GR American Institutions (GOVT) <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ECON 145	Economic Research Methods	3
ECON Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 <sup>2</sup>		4
GR American Institutions (US History) <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective of Choice		3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>62</b>

<sup>1</sup>. Any course not completed in the first semester should be taken in the second or a later semester.

<sup>2</sup>. Please see General Education/Graduation Requirement **course options** (<https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/curriculum-%20workflow/>)