

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
Pre-Major Required Courses (12 Units)		
ECON 1A	Introduction to Macroeconomic Analysis ¹	3
ECON 1B	Introduction to Microeconomic Analysis ¹	3
MATH 24	Modern Business Mathematics	3
STAT 1	Introduction to Statistics ¹	3
Required Upper Division Courses (15 Units)		
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	
ECON 140	Quantitative Economic Analysis	3
ECON 145	Economic Research Methods	3
Electives (18 Units)		
Select 18 units of upper division Economics courses ²		18
Total Units		45

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

² 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 ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (7 Units)		
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 ²	0
B5 - Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	0
Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)	
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
Area D: The Individual and Society (3 Units)	
Area D Course ²	0
Area D Course ²	0
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)	
Area E Course	3
Area F: Ethnic Studies	
Area F Course	
Total Units	34

¹ 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 (<http://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).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

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

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² 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>)