Economics

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Degree(s)

Transfer:
None
See:
A.A. in Liberal Arts
With Area of Emphasis:
Social & Behavioral Sciences
Business & Technology

See Also
A.S. in Environmental Studies
AS-T in Business Administration for Transfer

Non-Transfer:
None
See:
A.A. in Social/Behavioral Science
A.S. in Business Administration
A.S. in Management/Supervision

Certificate(s)
None
See:
Certificate in Business Administration
Certificate in Management/Supervision
Employment Concentration Certificate(s)
None
Program Description

The Economics program is intended for students who are planning to transfer to a four-year college or for a business occupational area of his/her own choice. Transfer students may earn an Associate degree in Liberal Arts with an area of emphasis that includes either Business and Technology, or Social and Behavioral Sciences. These degree paths are designed to accommodate the differing requirements for a wide variety of transfer institutions and provide an efficient means to achieve transfer goals and career success.

Economics is a social science discipline focusing on the development of critical thinking and logical analysis, mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning through communication and composition, problem-based learning, and the study of economic literature. These skills provide the fundamental foundation for academic and career path success. The economics curriculum is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge of macroeconomics, microeconomics, and environmental economics; as related to politics and history, business and markets, governments and global economies, as well as social and cultural institutions.

Economic majors may pursue diverse career paths. Popular undergraduate majors related to the field of Economics include: Accounting, Banking and Financial Services, Business Administration, Business Economics, Business Law, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Economics, Environmental Studies, International Business, Management, Marketing, Public Administration, along with an array of career opportunities, both in government, private, and international sectors. For individuals currently working within these fields, there may be potential for salary and/or career advancement.

Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in this program might not be the same as those required for transfer into the major at a four year university. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

Learning Outcomes

- Analyze, apply, and communicate basic economic principles, policies, theories, models, and analytical methods in macroeconomics, microeconomics, and environmental economics.
- Identify and solve economic problems, assess results, and determine alternative courses of action using various economic tools.
- Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize different schools of economic thought from primary and secondary sources to resolve basic economic questions in a variety of economic systems.
- Examine the relevant benefits and costs of domestic and international economic policy choices, recognizing arguments presented, and construct alternative policy outcomes.
- Evaluate, analyze, and communicate private and public decision-making processes, contemporary and historical socio-economic issues, and the fundamental role that economic forces play in domestic and global economies.
- Recognize economics as inextricably intertwined with politics and history, business and markets, governments and global economies, as well as social and cultural institutions.