Economics

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.

**Career Opportunities**

**Transfer Degree**

For any BA/BS careers, please see your transfer institution.

**Transfer Preparation**

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. 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 economic principles and policies.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the workings of the US economy and its institutions in a global context.

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**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 Economics for Transfer or 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.
• Identify, evaluate, and solve economic problems.
• Assess benefits and costs of economic decision-making

**Degree**

An A.A.-T in Economics for Transfer will fulfill the requirements for students to transfer to a CSU institution as an Economics major.

The courses in the A.A.-T in Economics for Transfer provide students with an ability to solve quantitative problems and think critically regarding macro and micro economic ideas and issues they encounter and to demonstrate problem solving through the means of problem based activities.

The major required for an A.A.-T in Economics for Transfer to CSU may be met by:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University.
- 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.

ADT also requires that students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A “P” (Pass) grade is acceptable if pass is defined as a grade of C or better.

**A.A.-T in Economics for Transfer (18-25 units)**

**Required Core (12-17 units)**

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**List A: Select one (3-4 units)**

Any course from Required Core not used above or one of the following courses:

- ACCT-124 Financial Accounting - Principles of Accounting I 3 units
- or
- ACCT-124H Honors Financial Accounting - Principles of Accounting I 3 units

- ACCT-125 Managerial Accounting - Principles of Accounting II 3 units
- ACCT-125H Honors Managerial Accounting - Principles of Accounting II 3 units
- MATH-212 Analytic Geometry and Calculus II 4 units
- or
- MATH-212H Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus II 4 units

(If not taken above)

**List B: Select one (3-5 units)**

Any course from List A not used above or one of the following courses:

- ECON-203 Introduction to Environmental Economics 3 units
- MATH-213 Analytic Geometry and Calculus III 5 units
- or
- MATH-213H Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus III 5 units
- MATH-218 Linear Algebra 3 units

**Units for Major**

- 18-25
- CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern 37-39
- Possible double counting 9
- Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)

**Total Units for A.A.-T Degree**

- 60 units

This Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. A student completing this degree is guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not a particular campus or major. Students should meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan and receive university admission and transfer requirements.