

ECONOMICS, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER

Financial Aid Eligible
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Students graduating with an Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer Degree are well positioned to complete a Bachelor's Degree in a similar major within the California State University system with 60 units of upper-division coursework. Students who complete the Economics AA-T degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum 2.0 is required for CSU admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult a counselor for more information.

The Associate Arts in Economics for Transfer (AA-T) focuses on fundamental principles and models in both microeconomics and macroeconomics. In Microeconomics, students examine the nature of optimal producer and consumer decisions, the structure of markets, and the application of optimal decision making to classic problems in microeconomics. This may include tax incidence, market failures, international trade, price controls, and market efficiency. In Macroeconomics, students examine economic concepts and principles as applied to markets, national income, unemployment, inflation, economic growth, fiscal and monetary policy, banking, the Federal Reserve System, and international economics. Additionally, students who choose the Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer (AA-T) degree become literate in the language of economics: calculus and statistics. Crucial concepts of differentiation, integration, optimization, probability, and statistical inference are learned. These mathematical tools serve as the foundation for upper division economic analysis.

Program Outcomes

1. Explain the concepts of scarcity, opportunity cost, rational behavior, and economic efficiency.
2. Use economic models to evaluate situations in the micro and macro economy, to evaluate government policies, and to explain the responses of consumers and producers to changes in market conditions.
3. Develop the foundational skills in quantitative and computing methods to be eligible for admission (SB 1440 and Education Code 66746) to California State University system schools with similar degrees.

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements

The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees:

1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
2. Minimum GPA of at least 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors require a higher GPA. Consult with a counselor for more information.
3. Completion of a minimum of 18-semester units in the major as detailed in the Degree and Certificate section of this catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better.

4. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU General Education Breadth – Option 2 (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/>)) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC – Option 3 (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>)).

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
ECON A170	Microeconomics	3
ECON A175	Macroeconomics	3
MATH A160	Introduction to Statistics	4
or PSYC A160	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	
MATH A140	Business Calculus	4
or MATH A180/ A180H	Calculus 1	
Core Courses Subtotal		14
<i>List A</i>		
Select one of the following:		3-4
ACCT A101	Financial Accounting	
ACCT A102	Managerial Accounting	
BUS A139	Business Communication	
CIS A111	Introduction to Computer Information Systems	
MATH A155	Finite Mathematics with Applications	
<i>List B</i>		
Select any course not previously taken from List A or one of the following:		3
ECON A100	Economics: General Concepts	
ECON A110	Consumer Economics	
Program Major Units		6
General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC) Units		37-39
Transferable elective to satisfy unit requirement		Varies
Total Units		60