

# ECONOMICS ASSOCIATE IN ARTS



Economics is the study of how a society chooses to use its limited resources to produce, exchange, and consume goods and services. The study is divided into two broad areas - macroeconomics and microeconomics. Macroeconomics deals with broad, economy-wide issues such as economic growth, inflation, unemployment, and depression. Microeconomics focuses on choices and behavior of individual participants in the economy - producers, workers, employers and consumers - and on issues involving competition, monopoly, and inequality in income and wealth. Microeconomics can also provide insights in such areas as family relationships, crime, and discrimination of many sorts.

The associate degree program with a major in economics will prepare students to transfer to four-year institutions where they can complete baccalaureate degrees in economics and other disciplines. It is important to understand that economics is an impacted major at most University of California campuses and at several California State University campuses. It is recommended, therefore, that students consult the catalog of the transfer institution for specific requirements. By and large, jobs for economists in teaching, government, or large corporations require a graduate degree in the field, while a bachelor's degree in economics will qualify students for the same kinds of jobs available for holders of general business degrees or general liberal arts degrees.

## Career Opportunities

<https://www.grossmont.edu/student-support/career-center/resources.php>

Auditor<sup>1</sup>  
 Claim Adjuster<sup>2</sup>  
 Claim Examiner<sup>2</sup>  
 Computer Systems Engineer<sup>1</sup>  
 Credit Analyst<sup>1</sup>  
 Employment Interviewer  
 Financial Planner<sup>1</sup>  
 Fund Raiser<sup>1</sup>  
 Hospital Insurance Representative  
 Market Research Analyst  
 Statistician<sup>1</sup>  
 Treasurer<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bachelor's Degree or higher required.

<sup>2</sup> Bachelor Degree normally recommended.

The Program-level Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) below are outcomes that students will achieve after completing specific degree / certificate requirements in this program. Students will:

1. Employ their discipline knowledge and skills in service to the community; for example, present themselves and interact with others

in a professional manner, communicate economic concepts orally, convey economic ideas in a variety of written forms.

2. Demonstrate knowledge of micro- and macroeconomic theories.

## Associate Degree Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
ECON-110	Economic Issues and Policies	3
ECON-120	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON-121	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON-215 or MATH-160	Statistics for Business and Economics Elementary Statistics	4
BUS-120	Financial Accounting	4
CSIS-110	Principles of Information Systems	4
POSC-121	Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics	3
Select one of the following:		3
POSC-130	Introduction to International Relations	
SOC-120	Introductory Sociology	
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH-178	Calculus for Business, Social and Behavioral Sciences <sup>1</sup>	
MATH-180	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>31-32</b>

Plus General Education (<https://catalog.gcccd.edu/grossmont/admission-information/general-education-transfer/>) and Elective Requirements

<sup>1</sup> Students planning to transfer to four-year institutions to complete a bachelor's degree in economics should be aware that the major at such institutions often requires a three-semester sequence in calculus equivalent to MATH-180 Analytic Geometry and Calculus I-MATH-280 Analytic Geometry and Calculus II-MATH-281 Multivariable Calculus.