

College of Alameda

Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer

ITEM 1. Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate in Arts in Economics for Transfer offers a comprehensive lower division program in Economics and prepares students for transfer into the California State Universities to complete a baccalaureate degree in Economics or similar fields such as business or public administration. This degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Economics or a similar field at a CSU campus.

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Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system, or those students who do not intend to transfer.

Students must complete each course listed to meet a major requirement with a "C" grade or higher. Some courses in the major satisfy both major and CSU GE/IGETC general education requirements; however, the units are only counted once toward the 60 unit requirement for an associate's degree. Some variations in requirements may exist at certain four year institutions; therefore, students who intend to transfer are advised to refer to the catalog of the prospective transfer institution and consult a counselor.

Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

In order to earn the degree, students must:

- Complete 60 semester CSU-transferable units.

- Complete the California State University-General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE-Breadth); or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.
- Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in the major
- Obtain of a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- Earn a grade of C or higher in all courses required for the major. A “P” (Pass) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in the major.

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Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Apply economic theories and economic reasoning to real life situations
- Use analytical techniques to measure economic conditions related to the individual, business firms, industries, and economic systems.
- Explain the role that households, business organizations, governments, and the international sector, play in free markets, command economies, and mixed economies.
- Evaluate the objectives, limitations, and mechanics of regulation, taxation, tariffs, quotas, and monetary and fiscal policies.
- Use quantitative methodology to measure economic outcomes.

Successful completion of the program with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 affords students specific guarantees for transfer to the CSU system such as admission to a CSU with junior status, priority admission to their local CSU campus and to a program or major in Sociology or similar major.

ITEM 2. Catalog Description

Possible career opportunities

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Program-level student learning outcomes (Program learning outcomes are subject to change.)

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- B. use analytical techniques to measure economic conditions related to the individual, business firms, industries, and economic systems.
- C. explain the role that households, business organizations, governments, and the international sector, play in free markets, command economies, and mixed economies.
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ITEM 3. Degree Major Requirements

Core Courses		Units
ECON 1	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 2	Principles of Microeconomics	3

MATH 13	Introduction to Statistics	4
MATH 3A	Calculus I	5
List A:	Plus one course at least 4 units (4-5units) from:	
MATH 3B	Calculus II	5
or		
BUS 1A	Financial Accounting	4
or		
BUS 1B	Managerial Accounting	4
List B:	Plus one course at least 4 units (4-5units) from:	
MATH 3C	Calculus III	5
	Total	<u>24-25</u>

Although there is no proposed major sequence of courses, one possible example of a major sequence might look as follows:

		Units
Semester 1		
ECON 1	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
MATH 13		4
GE		8
Semester 2		
ECON 2	Principles of Microeconomics	3
MATH 3A	Calculus I	5
GE		7
Semester 3		
MATH 3B	Calculus II	5
GE		10
Semester 4		
MATH 3C	Calculus III	5
GE		10
	Total Major Units	<u>25</u>
	Total GE Units	<u>35</u>
	Total Units	60