PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Economics is the science of decision making. The rigorous approach that typifies economics lends itself to a remarkably wide field of practical applications. Trained economists are employed by private businesses, banks, law firms, consulting firms, international corporations and agencies, public utilities, federal and local governments, and colleges and universities. These economists study a diverse array of issues such as the effects of government regulations on industries, the fairness and impacts of taxes, the effects of various policy tools in fighting inflation and unemployment, the causes of poverty, and the plight of the homeless, pollution, crime, and other social policy issues.

The Economics major provides flexibility and opportunity and can take one in many directions, both inside and outside of the field of economics. In fact, most economics majors do not work as economists, but in business careers of all varieties. The analytical and quantitative skills that one acquires as an economics major are much in demand in the job market and are also highly attractive to law schools and MBA programs. Whatever your career plans, economics training can give you a needed edge to further long-term goals.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a dual-advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising
clas_advising@ucdenver.edu
Find your CLAS Advisor here
North Classroom (NC) Building 1030
303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Steve Beckman & James Smith
steven.beckman@ucdenver.edu; jim.smith@ucdenver.edu
Visit the department website here
Lawrence Street Center Room 470
303-315-2035 and 303-315-2045

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours passed
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all college and major requirements
5. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

Credits exceeding the following maximum hour restrictions will not be applied toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study
- 9 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

CAREER RESOURCES

The BA program in economics provides training in basic economic theory, the use of statistical techniques to analyze economic phenomena, and more specific fields within economics, such as labor economics, international trade, developing and transitional economies, and money and banking. Economics majors from CU Denver have recently gone on to prestigious positions at companies such as Qwest, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Citicorp and Lockheed Martin, and to graduate schools at universities such as Harvard, Stanford, University of Chicago, University of Rochester, and Columbia. Related occupations for Economics graduates include:

- Account Executive
- Auditor
- Comptroller
- Economist
- Financial Analyst
- Insurance Agent
- Mortgage Broker
- Policy Analyst
- Statistician
- Stock Broker
- Tax Preparer
- Underwriter

Some careers and occupations require additional training or education. Interested in learning more about career and occupational options for this major? Visit the CU Denver Career Center located in the Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 267 to speak with a career counselor. The Career Center also provides Career Briefs, overviews of careers related to specific CU Denver majors, which include related links and resources to the particular field and show potential jobs related to the major. Access Career Briefs here.
Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Economics B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 40 semester hours in Economics with a grade of C- (1.7) or better in each course. Exception: A D- in one economics elective is allowed.
2. An overall major GPA of 2.5 or higher in Economics courses taken at CU Denver. No pass/fail grades may count towards the major.
3. Graduating seniors must submit the three best papers written in any three separate courses taken in the Economics Department for the outcomes assessment of the Economics program.

### Program Requirements & Policies

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<td>ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics</td>
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**Total Program Hours:** 40

### Sample Academic Plan of Study

The following academic plan is a sample pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

#### Milestones

**Fall**
- ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I
- CU Core Mathematics (MATH1401 REC)
- ECON 2012
- CU Core Arts
- General Elective

**Spring**
- ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II
- CU Core Humanities
- ECON 2022
- CU Core Science with Lab
- General Elective

**Notes:** Check individual courses for prerequisites.

**Fall**
- ECON 3801
- CLAS Communicative Skills
- CU Core Behavioral Science
- CU Core Science without Lab
- General Elective

**Spring**
- ECON 3811
- CLAS Science with Lab
- CU Core Cultural Diversity
- CLAS Humanities
- General Elective

**Fall**
- ECON 4811
- CU Core International Perspectives
- CLAS Foreign Language Semester I
- ECON 4071

**Spring**
- ECON 4081
- ECON Elective Course
- CLAS Foreign Language Semester II
- CLAS Behavioral Science

**Fall**
- ECON Elective Course
- ECON 4000 Level Elective Course
- ECON 4000 Level Elective Course
- General Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective

**Spring**
- ECON 4000 Level Elective Course
- ECON 4000 Level Elective Course
- General Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective

**M** Major Course Available  **PS** Prerequisite Enforced  **PR** Prerequisite Recommended