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 shared 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) 1030
303-315-7100

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

Jim Smith or Debbie Evercloud
jim.smith@ucdenver.edu or debbie.evercloud@ucdenver.edu
Visit the department website here
Lawrence Street Center (LSC) 470 AB
303-315-2030

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 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

The following are maximum credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Economics B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 40 credit hours from major approved courses.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 18 upper division (3000-level and above) ECON credit hours with a minimum of 12 of at the 4000-level.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis will not count towards the major.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 18 ECON credit hours including ECON 4811 Introduction to Econometrics, with CU Denver faculty. Once a student has enrolled at CU Denver, no more courses in the major can be taken outside the CU Denver Economics Department. This includes courses offered at Metropolitan State University. The department reserves the right to require a demonstration of competence for any core courses not taken from CU Denver faculty.
5. MATH 2411 Calculus II or MATH 2421 Calculus III with a grade of B or higher will satisfy the ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics requirement. If a student completes ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics, and then subsequently or concurrently completes MATH 2411 Calculus II, with a grade of B or higher, ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics will be counted as an Economics 3000-level elective but will not be used as an elective for evaluation of Honors. However, if a student has already completed MATH 2411 Calculus II with a B or better, then ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics taken subsequently cannot be counted as an elective.
6. Internships and independent studies require approval of the department chair in order to be given credit as an economics course.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect website for more information.
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| ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics | 3       | •Prerequisite/Corequisite: C- or higher in ECON 2012  
| Note: **MATH2411 with a grade of B or higher will satisfy this requirement.** |         | •Prerequisite/Corequisite: ECON 3801 or B- or higher in MATH 2411 or higher  
| ECON 3811 Statistics with Computer Applications | 4       | •Prerequisite/Corequisite: ECON 3801 or B- or higher in MATH 2411 or higher  
| ECON 4071 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory | 3       | •Prerequisite/Corequisite: ECON 3801 or B- or higher in MATH 2411 or higher  
| ECON 4081 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory | 3       | •Prerequisite/Corequisite: ECON 3801 or B- or higher in MATH 2411 or higher  
| ECON 4811 Introduction to Econometrics      | 3       | •Prerequisite: C- or higher in ECON 3801 or B- or higher in MATH 2411 or higher  
| ECON Major Elective Courses: Note: 4 electives must be at 4000-level | 18      | •See major advisor for approved courses. Check individual courses for prerequisites. |
| Estimated General Electives                  | 11 - 31 | General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor. |

**Total Minimum Credit Hours:** 120  
45 credit hours must be upper-division

### 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. **Students must meet with an Economics major advisor to create an individualized plan of study.**

**Fall Year One**
- ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I  
- CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1401 recommended  
- ECON 2012  
- CU Denver Core Arts / First-Year Seminar  
- General Elective  
- **Total Credit Hours:** 15

**Spring Year One**
- ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II  
- CU Denver Core Humanities  
- ECON 2022  
- CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with Lab  
- **General Elective – MATH 2411 recommended**  
- **Total Credit Hours:** 16

**Fall Year Two**
- ECON 3801  
- ECON 3811  
- CU Denver Core Behavioral Science  
- CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without Lab  
- General Elective  
- **Total Credit Hours:** 15

**Spring Year Two**
- ECON 4071  
- CLAS Nat/Phys Science with Lab  
- CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity  
- CLAS Humanities  
- General Elective  
- **Total Credit Hours:** 16

**Fall Year Three**
- ECON 4811  
- ECON 4081  
- CU Denver Core International Perspectives  
- CLAS Second Language Semester I  
- **Total Credit Hours:** 14

**Spring Year Three**
- CLAS Communicative Skills  
- ECON Elective Course  
- CLAS Behavioral Science  
- CLAS Second Language Semester II  
- **Total Credit Hours:** 14

**Fall Year Four**
- ECON Elective Course  
- ECON 4000-Level Elective Course  
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- General Upper-Division Elective  
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- **Total Credit Hours:** 15

**Notes:**  
- **M Major Course Available  
- **CU Denver Core Course  
- **Prerequisite Enforced  
- **Prerequisite Recommended**