

Economics

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department

Master of arts degree in economics.

Major in economics with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Emphasis in international economics.

Emphasis in preprofessional studies.

Minor in economics.

The Major

Economics is the science which studies the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. Economics majors explore how producers, distributors, and consumers make their decisions. Majors also analyze the events that shape and result from these decisions. Inflation, unemployment, taxation, money and banking, efficiency, international exchange, and growth are some of the many parts of this complex system studied through the economics major at SDSU.

The Department of Economics offers two emphases which students may select to satisfy a wide range of career goals: (1) International Economics, where students can focus on worldwide economic policy and global business; and (2) Preprofessional Studies, in which students prepare for graduate study in law school, health administration, and business administration. A specialization in Quantitative Analysis is also offered which focuses on developing analytical and mathematical skills for conducting economic research. A fourth option is the comprehensive program offered in the general economics major, which provides breadth by covering areas from the emphases and specialization.

Economics majors may find employment in government, financial institutions, business, and international agencies. The combination of an economics major with a business minor provides a foundation for a variety of careers. And, students interested in studying the developing nations, the environment, government policies, or population will find that economics is a useful approach.

Many entry-level positions in business and government are available to students with a bachelor's degree in economics. A graduate may find employment as a research, statistical, data, or pricing analyst. There are management trainee positions with banks, savings and loan associations, or other lending institutions. Economics majors may also be employed as sales representatives for firms which produce both "high tech" and consumer-related goods. A student contemplating graduate study in the field of economics should consider a career as an economics consultant, or as an economist for banks, investment companies or industry.

Impacted Program

The economics major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the economics major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete with a grade of C or higher: Economics 101, 102; Accountancy 201; Economics 201 or Statistics 119 or 250; one course selected from Mathematics 120, 121, or 150; Information and Decision Systems 180, or Sociology 200C and two

units from Sociology 200A, 200B, 200D. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC); except for courses taught as Cr/NC only;

- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.40 or higher;
- To be admitted to the emphasis in international economics (major code 22042), students must, in addition to satisfying the criteria above, also satisfy the language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Economics Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 22041)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in economics courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Senior Survey. All majors will complete an online survey assessing their experiences in the department and educational outcomes in the major. Students answer the survey online at the Department of Economics Web page. **The survey, which is a department requirement, must be completed during the student's final semester.**

Preparation for the Major. Economics 101, 102; Accountancy 201; Economics 201 or Statistics 119 or 250; one course selected from Mathematics 120, 121, or 150; Sociology 200A; Information and Decision Systems 180 or the combination of Sociology 200C and either Sociology 200B or 200D, or a computer course of at least two units. (18-20 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC; except for courses taught as Cr/NC only. The minimum grade in each class is C or higher.

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units to include Economics 301, 320, 321, and 18 units of electives. At least six units of electives selected from the international group: Economics 330, 360, 365, 464, 465, 489, 561, 565, 592. Maximum nine units of Economics 496 or 596; maximum three units of 499; and maximum three units of 495 may be applied to the major. Units of 495, 496, 499, 596 may be counted towards the international group requirement as approved by adviser.

Emphasis in International Economics (Major Code: 22042)

Senior Survey. All majors will complete an online survey assessing their experiences in the department and educational outcomes in the major. Students answer the survey online at the Department of Economics Web page. **The survey, which is a department requirement, must be completed during the student's final semester.**

Preparation for the Major. Economics 101, 102; Accountancy 201; Economics 201 or Statistics 119 or 250; one course selected from Mathematics 120, 121, or 150; Sociology 200A; Information and Decision Systems 180 or the combination of Sociology 200C and either Sociology 200B or 200D, or a computer course of at least two units. (18-20 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC; except for courses taught as Cr/NC only. The minimum grade in each class is C or higher.

Language Requirement. Successful completion of a course in a foreign language at the fourth semester or higher level, that is, one course beyond the B.A. language requirement. Students who have graduated from high school in another country where the language of instruction is not English have met the language requirement for this major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Study/Internship Abroad Requirement. Completion of a study abroad or internship abroad of at least 12 units of coursework or six units of the internship course in another nation. Students may also choose to complete a combination of nine units of study and three units of the internship abroad. Students who have graduated from high school outside the U.S. meet this requirement by studying at SDSU.

Major. A minimum of 33 upper division units (27 units in economics and six to seven units from the College of Business Administration) to include Economics 301, 320, 321.

- A. At least 12 units of electives must be selected from the international group: Economics 330, 360, 365, 464, 465, 489, 561, 565, 592.
- B. Up to six units of electives may be selected from Economics 311, 338, 380, 382, 401, 406, 422, 441, 452, 453, 454, 458, 489, 490.

Six to seven units selected from Finance 323 and 329, or Management 350 and 357, or Marketing 370 and 376.

Maximum nine units of Economics 496 or 596 and maximum three units of 499 may be substituted into A or B as appropriate with approval of adviser except for Economics 360, 561, or 592. Maximum three units of 495 may be substituted into A with appropriate international content as approved by adviser.

Emphasis in Preprofessional Studies (Major Code: 22041)

Senior Survey. All majors will complete an online survey assessing their experiences in the department and educational outcomes in the major. Students answer the survey online at the Department of Economics Web page. **The survey, which is a department requirement, must be completed during the student's final semester.**

Preparation for the Major. Economics 101, 102; Accountancy 201; Economics 201 or Statistics 119 or 250; one course selected from Mathematics 120, 121, or 150; Sociology 200A; Information and Decision Systems 180 or the combination of Sociology 200C and either Sociology 200B or 200D, or a computer course of at least two units; Communication 160. (21-23 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC; except for courses taught as Cr/NC only. The minimum grade in each class is C or higher.

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Students must have fulfilled the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 8 or above before taking English 508W or 584W, or Linguistics 305W, or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W or 500W or 503W or 508W, or Chicana and Chicano Studies 396W and earn a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units in economics to include Economics 301, 320, 321, Finance 323, and 18 units of electives in economics.

- A. At least 12 units selected from the preprofessional group: Economics 311, 338, 380, 382, 401, 406, 422, 441, 452, 453, 454, 458, 490.

- B. At least three units of electives selected from the international group: Economics 330, 360, 365, 464, 465, 489, 561, 565, 592.

Maximum nine units of Economics 496 or 596 may be substituted as upper division elective with approval of adviser. Maximum three units of 495 and maximum three units of 499 may be substituted into A with appropriate preprofessional content as approved by adviser.

Specialization in Quantitative Analysis

Senior Survey. All majors will complete an online survey assessing their experiences in the department and educational outcomes in the major. Students answer the survey online at the Department of Economics Web page. **The survey, which is a department requirement, must be completed during the student's final semester.**

Preparation for the Major. Economics 101, 102, and either Economics 201 or Statistics 119 or 250; Accountancy 201; Mathematics 150; Sociology 200A; Information and Decision Systems 180 or the combination of Sociology 200C and either Sociology 200B or 200D, or a computer course of at least two units. (19-20 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC; except for courses taught as Cr/NC only. The minimum grade in each class is C or higher.

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units in economics to include Economics 301, 320, 321, 441, 507, and 12 units of upper division economics electives, with at least six units at the 400 or 500 level. Maximum nine units of Economics 496 or 596 may be substituted as upper division elective with approval of adviser. Maximum three units of 495 and maximum three units of 499 may be substituted as upper division elective with appropriate quantitative content as approved by adviser.

Economics Minor

The minor in economics consists of a minimum of 18 units in economics to include Economics 101 and 102, and 320 or 321, and at least nine units of electives selected from one of the following tracks:

International Economics: Economics 330, 360, 365, 464, 465, 489, 561, 565, 592. A maximum of three units of Economics 495, 496, and 499 may be used to satisfy the nine unit elective requirement with prior permission from the department.

Preprofessional Studies: Economics 311, 338, 382, 401, 406, 422, 452, 453, 454, 458, 490. A maximum of three units of Economics 495, 496, and 499 may be used to satisfy the nine unit elective requirement with prior permission from the department.

Quantitative Analysis: Economics 301, 441, 507. A maximum of three units of Economics 495, 496, and 499 may be used to satisfy the nine unit elective requirement with prior permission from the department.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

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