

# ECONOMICS, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

## Overview

Economics is the study of people and the choices they make regarding the production, distribution and allocation of resources. Does this dynamic world hold a special fascination for you? Do you seek a working knowledge of the principles of modern finance, as applied to the public and private sectors of our economy? If you can answer affirmatively in each instance, SBCC's two year Economics program can be your biggest stepping stone to a four year degree and a rewarding professional career. The program at Santa Barbara City College is designed to instill a general understanding of the economic realities of our world, with an emphasis on the mechanics of the American economy and its comparison to other economic systems. You will study business organization and finance, national income, business cycles, competition and monopoly, distribution of income and the problems of labor. For the Economics major, two semesters of the Principles of Economics and two semesters of Accounting can represent the needed base from which to launch a solid transfer program at a four-year college or university. Course requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend; it is most important for a student to consult with his/her counselor and departmental advisor before planning an academic program for transfer.

## Requirements

### Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

Complete all of the following:

1. All Department Requirements listed below with a "C" or better or "P" in each course (at least 20% of the department requirements must be completed through SBCC).
2. One of the following three General Education options:
  - a. OPTION 1: A minimum of 18 units of SBCC General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/degrees-certificates-awards/#associateddegreeestext>) (Areas A-D) and Institutional Requirements (Area E) and Information Competency Requirement (Area F) OR
  - b. OPTION 2: IGETC (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#igetctext>) Pattern OR
  - c. OPTION 3: CSU GE Breadth (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#csugebtext>) Pattern
3. A total of 60 degree-applicable units (SBCC courses numbered 100 and higher).
4. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all units attempted at SBCC.
5. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all college units attempted.
6. A minimum of 12 units through SBCC.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Department Requirements</b>		
ACCT 230	Financial Accounting <sup>1</sup>	5
ACCT 240	Managerial Accounting <sup>1</sup>	4
ECON 101 or ECON 101H	Microeconomics Microeconomics, Honors	3-4

ECON 102 or ECON 102H	Macroeconomics Macroeconomics, Honors	3-4
Social Science Electives <sup>2</sup>		9
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>24.00-26.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> ACCT 210 and 220 will also satisfy these requirements.

<sup>2</sup> Any Math course numbered 107 or higher may be substituted for one social science elective.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of key terms and core concepts of economics.
2. Examine and analyze the market and non-market processes by which scarce resources are allocated.
3. Develop enhanced analytical abilities for the understanding and critical evaluation of relevant arguments.

## Recommended Sequence

Make an appointment with your SBCC academic counselor through Starfish to create a Student Education Plan that reflects a recommended course sequence for this program that is tailored to your individual needs.

How to schedule an Academic Counseling appointment (<https://www.sbccc.edu/counselingcenter/counselingappointments.php>).