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:

James Smith
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 CU Denver Core, 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

Are you interested in learning 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.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

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. 40 hours are needed in major requirements.
2. The minimum grade in each CU Denver economics course is a C- (1.7), except that one D- in one economics elective is allowed.
3. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for all courses applying to Economics requirements. Note: Only courses taken at CU Denver will apply.
4. No pass/fail grades may count toward a major.
5. All courses other than ECON 2012 and ECON 2022 require written department approval to be transferred in as satisfying major requirements.
## Degree Requirements

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<td><strong>Prerequisite: ECON2022, MATH1110 or higher</strong></td>
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<td>Note**: MATH2411 with a grade of B or higher will satisfy this requirement.</td>
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### 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.

### Year One

**Fall**
- ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I 3 CRS
- CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1401 recommended 3 CRS
- ECON 2012 3 CRS
- CU Denver Core Arts / First-Year Seminar 3 CRS
- General Elective 3 CRS
- **Total Credit Hours** 15

### Year Two

**Fall**
- ECON 3801 **(if required – see ECON advisor)** 3 CRS
- ECON 3811 3 CRS
- CU Denver Core Behavioral Science 3 CRS
- CU Denver Core Biol/Phys Science without Lab 3 CRS
- General Elective 3 CRS
- **Total Credit Hours** 15

**Spring**
- ECON 4071 **(if required)** 4 CRS
- CLAS Biol/Phys Science with Lab 4 CRS
- CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity **M** 3 CRS
- CLAS Humanities 3 CRS
- General Elective 2 CRS
- **Total Credit Hours** 16

### Year Three

**Fall**
- ECON 4811 **(if required)** 3 CRS
- ECON 4081 **(if required)** 3 CRS
- CU Denver Core International Perspectives 3 CRS
- CLAS Foreign Language Semester I 5 CRS
- **Total Credit Hours** 14

**Spring**
- CLAS Communicative Skills 3 CRS
- ECON Elective Course 3 CRS
- CLAS Behavioral Science 3 CRS
- CLAS Foreign Language Semester II 5 CRS
- **Total Credit Hours** 14

### Year Four

**Fall**
- ECON Elective Course 3 CRS
- ECON 4000-Level Elective Course 3 CRS
- ECON 4000-Level Elective Course 3 CRS
- General Upper-Division Elective 3 CRS
- General Upper-Division Elective 3 CRS
- **Total Credit Hours** 15

**Spring**
- ECON 4000-Level Elective Course 3 CRS
- ECON 4000-Level Elective Course 3 CRS
- General Upper-Division Elective 3 CRS
- General Upper-Division Elective 3 CRS
- **Total Credit Hours** 15

**Notes:**
- **M** Major Course Available
- **PR** Prerequisite Enforced
- **RE** Prerequisite Recommended