Overview

Why Economics
The economy dominates the future of every business. Those with the power to understand it, interpret its impact, and make informed decisions and predictions based on it can create a future for themselves in any industry.

We believe it is important to equip students with a wide range of perspectives so they are able to analyze complex problems from multiple angles — a valuable skill in today’s rapidly changing global marketplace. Our economics degree prepares individuals to think more broadly and critically through a blended curriculum that blends technical knowledge with an understanding of how human behavior influences economic systems.

What You Learn
Discover why individuals, households, communities, businesses, and governments make the decisions they do about the production and consumption of goods, services, and resources with our economics major.

Our curriculum and faculty artfully balance quantitative skillsets that will help you become a better fact-based decision-maker, with a deep understanding of the human aspect of economics, including topics like how various groups influence one another, the role gender plays, what the environment has to do with economics, and more.

More About the Program
Taught by the same faculty who teach on campus, this online economics degree allows you to earn the same credentials as on-campus students, but offers the flexibility you’re looking for in an online program.

In addition to foundational coursework, a minor is required for completion of the bachelor of economics. You are able to choose from six minors, including business administration, sociology, anthropology, gerontology, media studies, and political science, allowing you to tailor your degree to your personal interests and career goals.

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Curriculum

The curriculum listed below is intended to inform prospective students about the overall theme of the program and should not be used as an example program of study. Students need to consult their advisor to develop a degree completion plan based on the credits transferred into this program.

All University Core Curriculum (AUCC) – 31 credits

Students are required to complete a total of 31 core curriculum credits, and are strongly encouraged to consult with their academic advisor in selecting these. Colorado State University recommends the following courses as part of the 31 required AUCC credits for the economics degree:

- ECON 202 – Principles of Microeconomics (3 cr.)
- ECON 204 – Principles of Macroeconomics (3 cr.)
- MATH 160 – Calculus for Physical Scientists I (4 cr.)

Required Courses – 18 credits

- STAT 201 – General Statistics (3 cr.)
  OR
  STAT 301 – Introduction to Statistical Methods (3 cr.)
- ECON 304 – Intermediate Macroeconomics (3 cr.)
- ECON 306 – Intermediate Microeconomics (3 cr.)
- ECON 372 – History of Economic Institutions and Thought (3 cr.)
- ECON 335 – Introduction to Econometrics (3 cr.)
- ECON 492 – Seminar (3 cr.)

Restricted Electives – 12 credits

Additional Social Science Course Requirements – 9 credits

Electives – 22 to 35 credits.

Degree Minor – 21 to 24 credits

Students must complete a minor, second major, or interdisciplinary minor. Available online minors:

- Anthropology – 22 credits
- Business Administration – 24 credits
- Gerontology – 24 credits
- Media Studies – 21 credits
- Political Science – 21 credits
- Sociology – 21 credits

Minimum Admission Requirements

- Previous college credit must be transferred into the online economics bachelor’s degree completion program, and minimum credits required can vary depending on previous coursework completed.
- 2.0 cumulative GPA (2.5 cumulative GPA preferred) from all coursework previously completed
- Satisfy admission requirement in mathematics
- High school graduation or equivalent

Completion Requirements

- A minimum of 120 credits are required to complete the program
- A minimum of 42 credits must be upperdivision (300 and 400-level)
- A minimum of 30 upper-division credits must be completed through Colorado State University.
- The number of courses needed for completion of the program depends on the number of transfer credits awarded and fulfillment of the All University Core Curriculum and degree coursework requirements.