

What is economics?

Economics is the study of the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services, using supply, demand and price theory. Economists are also concerned with issues of investments, inflation, unemployment and the allocation of resources. As an interdisciplinary major, Economics often includes courses in mathematics, accounting, business, political science, geography, sociology, and environmental sciences.

Contemporary issues in Economics: Business cycles, Interactions between government, Business and social welfare, Environment, International Trade, Consumer and producer decisions, Health care.

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in Economics.

When selecting a transfer institution, students will need to choose between a more quantitative/applied approach to Economics (B.S.) or a social science approach (B.A.), depending on career goals. Economics is also an excellent major for graduate studies in Social Sciences, Business, Law, Education, Urban Studies, Public and/or Health Administration.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor's degree in Economics, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Economics department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University](#)
[Eastern Washington University](#)
[Gonzaga University](#)
[Pacific Lutheran University](#)
[Seattle Pacific University](#)

[Seattle University](#)
[The Evergreen State College](#)
[University of Puget Sound](#)
[University of Washington – Seattle](#)
[Washington State University](#)

[Western Washington University](#)
[Whitman College](#)
[Whitworth University](#)

What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics?

Students who major in economics develop knowledge and skills that can be applied to multiple careers. A degree in economics prepares students for careers as business or non-profit managers, auditors, financial analysts, economic analysts, entrepreneurs, fund raisers, teachers, consultants, government advisors, securities brokers, appraisers, insurance agents, statisticians, and bankers.

Potential employers include: Federal, state and local governments, banks, business and industry, colleges, universities, private and public schools, insurance firms, health care and human services, law firms, marketing and research firms. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>.

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Economics.

Strongly Recommended
These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations
These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS			
Quant. and Symb. Reasoning		MATH 111 for B.A. degree, MATH &141 for B.S. degree	
II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS			
Humanities	--	World Language if required by 4-yr prog.	
Natural Sciences	MATH & 142 (B.S.) MATH & 148 (B.A.) MATH &151 (CWU)	ENVS &101, GEOG 203, 204	
Social Sciences	ECON &201 ECON &202	ANTH &206, GEOG &100, &200, HIST &136, &137; INTST 101, 123, 200, 201, POLS &101, &202, SOC &101	
III. GENERAL ELECTIVES			
--		ACCT &201, &202, ANTH &206, BUSTC 105, ENVS &101, GEOG &100, &200, 203, 204, HIST &136, &137, INTST 101, 123, 200, 201, MATH &146, &151, &152, &163, 211, POLS &101, &202, SOC &101; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.	

What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements	SCC Course
Central Washington University	B.S. in Economics	Admission requirements — 2.5 minimum GPA in economics foundation requirements: MATH &146; MATH 111, &141 or &142; MATH &151, &152 or &211; ECON &201 and &202	ECON &201, &202, MATH 111, &148, &151, &152
Seattle Pacific University	B.A. in Economics	Admission requirements —2.7 minimum GPA from all institutions and 2.7 minimum in all ACCT, BUS, ECON courses. Applicants must also have completed ENGL &101 and &102.	ACCT &201, &202, ECON &201, &202; GEOG &100, POLS &101, &202.
Seattle University	B.A. in Economics	Admission requirements—2.75 GPA, MATH &148 or &151 and at least one of the following courses: ACCT &202, &203, ECON &201, &202, and MATH 211. There are exceptions to the admission requirements. Contacting the department and visiting their website is highly encouraged. Graduation requirement – Major courses must be completed with a C- or better.	
University of Washington – Seattle	B.A. and B.S. in Economics	B.A. admission requirements— 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA. 2.0 minimum in each of the following courses: ECON &201, &202, MATH 211, &148, &151 (preferred) B.S. admission requirements— 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA. 2.0 minimum in each of the following courses: ECON &201, &202, MATH 211, &151, &152, and &163.	ECON &201, &202, MATH 111, &148, 211
Washington State University	B.A. in Economics		ECON &201, &202, MATH &148, &151, 211
Western Washington University	BA in Economics	Admission requirements —2.5 minimum cumulative GPA. Transfer students should contact the department prior to registering to be certain that they enter the course sequence correctly with the appropriate course equivalents from other institutions.	BUSTC 105, ECON &201, &202, MATH &111, &142, &148, &151, 211

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**