

ECONOMICS

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree
90 credits

Economics is the study of how society allocates its scarce resources to satisfy its many needs and wants. The discipline is divided into two general areas: microeconomics and macroeconomics. The focus of lower-division economics courses at COCC is on the choices we make in the context of microeconomics and macroeconomics. Macroeconomics studies the role of government in the economy, both in promoting social objectives and in keeping the economy healthy through fiscal and monetary policies. Microeconomics provides an understanding of consumption, production and distribution of goods and services subject to the forces of supply and demand. Additional courses within the economics program expand upon these ideas. International Economics provides an introductory survey of economic, political, social and cultural dimensions of globalization. Political Economy covers various micro and macro topics related to the United States economy from a systems and institutional perspective. This program is good preparation for careers in business, engineering, resource management or government, as well as solid training for graduate or law school.

The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree meets the state of Oregon transfer degree requirements, allowing students to transfer to an Oregon public university and some out-of-state universities having met all lower-division general education requirements. With appropriate course planning, all lower-division major requirements may also be met. Students should work closely with an advisor to select the best degree option and to review specific transfer requirements.

The following is a suggested course of study for students interested in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in economics.

Students should check with each school to ensure that the latest transfer information is used when designing their program.

All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

GENERAL EDUCATION/FOUNDATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Writing

WR 121	Academic Composition	4
WR 122	Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition	4
or WR 227	Technical Writing	

Oral Communication

SP 111	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3-4
or SP 114	Argumentation and Critical Discourse	
or SP 115	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	
or SP 218	Interpersonal Communication	
or SP 219	Small Group Communication	

Mathematics

MTH 105	Math in Society	4
(or higher)		
Recommend:		
MTH 111	College Algebra	

Health (3 credits with HHP prefix)		3
HHP activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated		

GENERAL EDUCATION/DISCIPLINE STUDIES

See the Discipline Studies list for options. One of the courses must be designated on the list as a cultural literacy course.

Arts and Letters 9-12

At least four (4) courses from at least two (2) prefixes.

Social Science 12-16

At least three (3) courses from at least two (2) prefixes.

Recommend:

EC 201	Microeconomics	4
EC 202	Macroeconomics	4
EC 230	International Economics	4

And at least two (2) additional courses with at least one different prefix.

Science/Math/Computer Science 12-20

At least three (3) laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science. Additional math as transfer university requires.

Recommend:

MTH 241	Calculus for Management/Social Science	4
or MTH 251	Calculus I	4
MTH 243	Introduction to Methods of Probability and Statistics I	4
and MTH 244	Introduction to Methods of Probability and Statistics II	4

ELECTIVES

Students must take enough elective courses to meet the minimum 90 credits required for the degree. This may include up to 12 credits of Career and Technical Education courses designated by COCC as acceptable.

Recommend:

EC 285	Introduction to Political Economy	4
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ADVISING NOTES

Students pursuing a BA should consider completing three terms of 200-level language courses at COCC. The 100-level language courses will count as electives. The 200-level language courses will partially fulfill the Arts and Letters requirement.

Students pursuing a BS should consider taking more math, social science and science courses. Language is not necessary for the BS degree, but would be valuable for students with a major or emphasis in international economics. For specific details, speak with an advisor.