

Major Planning Guide:

Economics

What can I do with a degree in economics?

Students planning to major in economics may pursue a variety of career paths after graduation. Some students will use their economics background to go into business, particularly finance or banking. Other students may pursue public policy careers with the government or non-profit organizations, while others go into law. A graduate degree may be necessary for students who plan to teach economics or for certain positions as an economist.

Related Majors

Political Science
History
Statistics
Mathematics
Law, Societies, and Justice
Business
International Relations

Where can I earn a bachelor's degree in economics in Washington?

Many universities offer economics as an undergraduate major. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find economics programs in Washington state or around the country.

How do I prepare to major in economics?

Here are a few steps that we recommend you take to make sure that economics is the right choice for you. There are many different types of careers in economics, and it is important to do some research ahead of time to find the one that best fits your goals. An advisor can help you choose the transfer degree, and what courses you should take while you are here at Seattle Central.

Step One: Research

- Those who are undecided about a major/career can make an appointment with our Career Exploration Center in BE 1102E take a career assessment test. This assessment can reveal your interests, values, and skills which then match you up with potential careers and programs that prepare you for specific career paths.
- Almost all universities offer an economics major, but the concentrations they offer vary. If you are particularly interested in international development, for instance, make sure your intended transfer university offers that focus.
- Our Transfer Center in BE 1102F can help find universities you are interested in attending and guide you through the application process.

Step Two: Pick a Degree

Students planning to major in economics often earn the Associates of Art (AA-DTA) degree. Advisors can help students understand how to best approach the economics and math requirements necessary for transfer. You may pick up a degree planning worksheet for the AA-DTA ([purple sheet](#)) in BE 1102 lobby.

Step Three: Make a Long Range Academic Plan

Students planning to major in economics at a university usually take courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, statistics, and calculus, as well as general education requirements, to prepare to transfer.

English	Economics	Mathematics	Other Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 101	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON& 201	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH& 146 or BUS 210	<input type="checkbox"/> Political Science
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 102	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON& 202	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH& 151	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science
		<input type="checkbox"/> MATH& 152	<input type="checkbox"/> Business
		<input type="checkbox"/> MATH& 163	<input type="checkbox"/> International Studies

Please note: this is not a complete list of prerequisites. You should consult with an advisor at Seattle Central to make sure you take the appropriate courses to be prepared to enter the major.

*Check prerequisites, admission requirements, and GPA requirements at your intended transfer university early so you can be well-prepared to transfer.

What are my next steps?

- Once you have had the chance to explore the career opportunities in economics you might want to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor to plan out your course of study. You can make an appointment by stopping by the Advising office in BE 1102D or calling us at 206-934-4068. (*If you are an international student, please stop by International Education Programs in BE 1113*).
- Attend Transfer Fairs and Career & Networking Fairs hosted by our office throughout the year.
- Explore the professional organizations in your area of interest for more information about education and career options.

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