College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

# ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) – Catalog Year Fall 2024

## FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

## 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 shared 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 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
Visit the CLAS Advising website here
North Classroom (NC) 1030
303-315-7100

*For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:*

**Economics Major Advising**
CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information
Visit the department website here
Lawrence Street Center (LSC) 470
303-315-2030

*For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:*

**Office of Admissions**
admissions@ucdenver.edu
Visit the Admissions website here
Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005
303-315-2601

## 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 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

**The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.**

**Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor 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. Students must complete a minimum of 40 credit hours from approved major courses.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 18 upper division (3000-level and above) ECON credit hours with a minimum of 12 of at the 4000-level.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 18 ECON credit hours including ECON 4811 Introduction to Econometrics, with CU Denver faculty. Once a student has enrolled at CU Denver, no more courses in the major can be taken outside the CU Denver Economics Department. This includes courses offered at Metropolitan State University. The department reserves the right to require a demonstration of competence for any core courses not taken from CU Denver faculty.
5. A minimum of 12 of the 18 upper division credit hours required must be completed with 4000 level and above courses.
6. MATH 2411 Calculus II or MATH 2421 Calculus III with a grade of B or higher will satisfy the ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics requirement. If a student completes ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics, and then subsequently or concurrently completes MATH 2411 Calculus II, with a grade of B or higher, ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics will be counted as an Economics 3000-level elective but will not be used as an elective for evaluation of Honors. However, if a student has already completed MATH 2411 Calculus II with a B or better, then ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics taken subsequently cannot be counted as an elective.
7. Internships and independent studies require approval of the department chair in order to be given credit as an economics course.

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## COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a "bucket" of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation (DWD) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete Reverse Transfer at CU Denver.

| CU Denver Requirements | CU Denver Credits | CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes | CCCS Credits |
|---|---|---|---|
| **CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements** | **34 - 40** | | |
| ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I | 3 | ENG 1021 | |
| ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II | 3 | ENG 1022 | |
| Mathematics | 3 - 4 | MAT 1340 *minimum* or 2410 *recommended* or GT-MA1 | |
| Arts | 3 | GT-AH | |
| Humanities | 3 | GT-AH or GT-HI | |
| Behavioral Sciences | 3 - 4 | ECO 2001 or GT-SS | |
| Social Sciences | 3 - 4 | ECO 2002 or GT-SS or GT-HI* | |
| Natural/Physical Science with lab | 4 - 5 | GT-SC1 | |
| Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math | 3 - 5 | GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 *(except the course used for Core Math)* or GT-SC1 | |
| International Perspectives | 3 | Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* *(see note below)* | |
| Cultural Diversity | 3 | *To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.* | --- |
| **CLAS Graduation Requirements** | **15 - 29** | | |
| CLAS Communicative Skills | 3 | COM 1150 *recommended* or PHI 1013 | |
| CLAS Second Language | 0 - 10 | e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122<br>***Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.*** | |
| CLAS Humanities | 3 | Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course | |
| CLAS Behavioral Sciences | 3 - 4 | Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course *(except GT-SC courses)* | |
| CLAS Social Sciences | 3 - 4 | Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, PSC, or SOC course *(except GT-SC courses)* | |
| CLAS Natural/Physical Science with lab | 3 - 5 | GT-SC1<br>***If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.*** | |
| **ECON Major Courses** | **6** | | |
| ECON 2012 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics | 3 | ECO 2001<br>*Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences* | |
| ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics | 3 | ECO 2002<br>*Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Sciences* | |

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| **Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:** | **60** | *Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.* | |

***The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.**

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## SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

**Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete "bucket" of requirements outlined above,** students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

**Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement.** Students must demonstrate second language proficiency through a 2nd semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122) with a C- or higher, satisfactory proficiency testing (CU Denver Department of Modern Languages Placement Testing, BYU FLATS, CLEP), or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2nd year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of "C-" (1.7) in the 2nd semester of the 2nd year or later. Students may have additional options to fulfill this requirement and should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor. **Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to modify this plan.**

**Year Three**

| Fall | CRS |
|---|---|
| ECON 3801 [PE] *(if required – see ECON advisor)* | 3 |
| ECON 3811 [PE] | 4 |
| General Elective – MATH 2411 *recommended* | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| **Total Credit Hours** | **16** |

| Spring | CRS |
|---|---|
| ECON 4071 [PE] | 3 |
| ECON Elective Course | 3 |
| CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity [M] | 3 |
| General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| General Upper-Division Elective | 3 |
| **Total Credit Hours** | **15** |

**Year Four**

| Fall | CRS |
|---|---|
| ECON 4811 [PE] | 3 |
| ECON 4081 [PE] | 3 |
| ECON Elective Course | 3 |
| ECON 4000-Level Elective Course | 3 |
| ECON 4000-Level Elective Course | 3 |
| **Total Credit Hours** | **15** |

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

[M] *Major Course Available* [C] *CU Denver Core Course* [PE] *Prerequisite Enforced* [PR] *Prerequisite Recommended*