

What is Economics?

Economics helps us understand how societies allocate, produce, and distribute resources. Economists use theories, models, and quantitative analysis in order to inform decision-making at the individual, firm, and policy level. In addition, Economics prepares students to think more critically about important social issues.

Career Paths

- auditor, financial analyst, market analyst, economist
- banker
- business or non-profit manager
- Entrepreneur
- pre-law
- public policy analyst
- securities broker, appraiser, insurance agent
- statistician
- teacher, consultant, government advisor, researcher

Which Degree from Bellevue College Will Help Me Major in Economics?

Students who are interested in transferring to a university and majoring in Economics have two options:

- **Associate in Arts & Sciences DTA transfer degree OR**
- **Associate in Business DTA/MRP**

The **Associate in Arts and Sciences DTA** offers more flexibility and allows students to take all of the necessary math courses needed for admissions to most economics programs (see recommended course below). With the help of an advisor, you can easily fit all the required coursework into this degree.

It's important to check the prerequisites of the economics program you are interested in to ensure that you will have the best chance for admissions. For example, several schools (EWU, WSU, CWU, SU) require ACCT&201 and 202, while others (UW-Seattle) do not.

The **Associate in Business DTA/MRP** is more for students who want to major in Business, though some Economics students choose this degree to prepare for a double major or if they are unsure of which major they will choose at the university level.

What Are Some Common Prerequisites that I'll Need to Take Here?

Every university and major concentration will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper courses. Double-checking requirements is as easy as going to the university department website. Below is a general guide to the courses **recommended** and the areas of study they fulfill on the DTA for students interested in an Economics major (this is not an official list):

Written Communication †	Mathematics †	Major Specific	Recommended Courses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL& 101 • ENGL& 201 OR 271 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH& 141, &142, &151* • BA 240 (statistics) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 202** • ECON 201** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CES 260*** • INTST 201*** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHIL 106 • ECON 250***

Important notes about class selection above:

*Depending on university, additional math may be required such as MATH& 152, &153, and &254. Other universities may allow for completion of just MATH& 148.

** Take these courses after successful completion of 30 college credits, ENGL& 101, and MATH 099.

*** Take these courses during your second year.

†: Recommended during the first year of study.

Check your degree progress!
Log into degree audit at:
<http://bellevuecollege.edu/degreeaudit/>

Course Planning Notes

Use the space below to write down a course sequence for this school year. Remember to maintain balance each quarter (i.e. try not to take all sciences or all writing-based classes in a single quarter). Also, keep in mind that 12 credit hours or more is considered full time; make sure to balance class load with your personal and/or work life. This is not an official educational plan— you should see an academic advisor if you have questions about course selection.

SUMMER		FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
TOTAL QTR. CREDITS		TOTAL QTR. CREDITS		TOTAL QTR. CREDITS		TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	

Beyond BC with an Economics Degree!

Universities with Economics Degrees

Central Washington University	University of Puget Sound
Eastern Washington University	University of Washington—Seattle
Gonzaga University	Western Washington University
Seattle Pacific University	Whitworth College
Seattle University	Washington State University

Universities with Degrees Related to Economics

University of Washington—Bothell: “Interdisciplinary Studies—Law, Economics, & Public Policy”
University of Washington—Tacoma: “Politics, Philosophy & Economics”
The Evergreen State College
Western Washington University: Financial Economics, BA
Western Washington University: Economics/Environmental Studies, BA

Here’s the Scoop! Considerations for this Major:

- Programs will differ from university to university; for example, some will offer “Business Economics” degrees instead of “Economics”.
- Some programs offer a BA (Bachelor of Arts) while others offer a BS (Bachelor of Science) (or both) in Economics. In general, the BA degree focuses more on verbal and social analysis, while a BS deals more with a mathematical and analytical approach.
- Attend the information sessions offered by the universities.
- Know the school’s admission requirements, expectations, and deadlines.
- Some degree programs have areas of specialization. For example, some programs might be better suited to those who want to study economic theory, while others might be more tailored to international economics. It’s important to speak with advisors in the programs you’re interested and ask them about the strengths and specializations of their programs.
- Most universities have admission and exit foreign language policies; know what they are so you don’t miss the graduation requirements.
- Apply to more than one university and have more than one back-up plan.
- As many Economics programs have a heavy concentration in Math, many students choose to double major in Economics and Math.
- Analytical and critical thinking skills are important both in majoring and obtaining a career in Economics.

Who To Contact for more Information:

Bellevue College has a variety of friendly faces and resources to help you plan and register for classes. We have designed specific pathways for help depending on where you are in your journey through college:

- **Prospective Students:** Attend an Information Session
- **First Time to College Students:** Register for a Bellevue College Advising & Registration Kick Off (B.A.R.K.) session
- **Returning to College/Transfer-In/Current Students:** Meet with an Academic Advisor

To find out more about any one of the above steps, please visit:
<http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/meet-with-advisor/>

Need help picking classes?

Economics is part of the Social Science division in D110. In order to make an appointment with an academic or faculty advisor, please call one of the following numbers.

- For first time to college students: **425-564-2212**
- For returning/transfer-in/current students: **425-564-2331**

Need more career information?

Schedule an appointment with a Career Services Specialist by calling **425-564-2279**.

This is an unofficial guide only, designed to prepare students for entry into Washington State Psychology programs. It is the student’s responsibility to research and communicate with all community college and university programs to which he/she intends to apply to establish prerequisites and admission requirements, as they vary and are subject to change without notice .

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