

Economics

**ACADEMIC
COUNSELING**

Folsom campus - 916-608-6500
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This Folsom Lake College program studies how people and societies produce various commodities and distribute them for consumption, now or in the future. FLC's Economics offerings include the study of the American economic system, using techniques for the analysis of contemporary economic problems.

Career Options

Accountant; Arbitrator; Attorney; Budget Analyst; Business Analyst; Business Conditions; Forecaster; Commodity Economist; Commodity Price Forecaster; Development Economist; Economic Analyst; Economic Forecaster; Industrial Relations Specialist; Investment Analyst; Labor Economist; Macro Economist; Manpower Economist; Natural Resource Economist; Operations Research Analyst; Project Economist; Research Economist

Most career options require more than two years of study.

Highlights

- Knowledgeable instructors and professionals in their fields
- Good general overview and conceptual framework of economic issues
- Opportunity to combine with business and other related areas of study for a more comprehensive education
- Transfer opportunities
- A lab with tutorial assistance

ECON 495 INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN ECONOMICS 1-3 UNITS

Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

ECON 499 EXPERIMENTAL OFFERING IN ECONOMICS .5-4 UNITS

Prerequisite: None
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 18 hours LEC ; 54 hours LAB

Economics (ECON)

ECON 302 PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS 3 UNITS

Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: MATH 120
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a graphical and functional analysis of the economy as a whole. It focuses on the economy's well-being, problems, and possible solutions. Major topics include: market demand and supply; macroeconomic sectors, goals, and problems (unemployment, inflation, business cycles, and deficits); the economy's output and price level; aggregate demand, aggregate supply, and equilibrium; and macroeconomic policies (fiscal and monetary) aimed at solving problems and stabilizing the economy. Related topics such as international trade, international finance, and economic growth are also discussed. Course work includes solving algebraic equations and graphing straight and curvilinear lines as taught in Intermediate Algebra.

ECON 304 PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS 3 UNITS

Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: MATH 120
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a graphical and functional analysis of the units (sectors) making up the economy. The focus is on the sectors choices and interactions, microeconomic goals (efficiency and equity), problems, and solutions. Major topics include basic principles of economics; basic economic analyses; demand, supply, and equilibrium in a market; markets and applications; costs and production; product and resources markets; and microeconomic problems (externalities, public goods, and income inequality). Time permitting, related topics such as international trade and health economics may also be discussed. Course work includes doing arithmetic problems, solving algebraic equations, and graphing straight and curvilinear lines.

ECON 320 CONCEPTS IN PERSONAL FINANCE 3 UNITS

Prerequisite: None.
Advisory: BUS 105
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is designed to assist individuals in analyzing their financial affairs. Elements and conceptual basis of financial planning, analysis, and decision making in areas of budgeting, taxes, borrowing, money management, insurance, investments, and retirement will be examined with an emphasis on principles to develop students' economic decision making. Students will be using mathematical concepts as well as reading and interpreting written and oral instructions. The course provides a solid base for a career in financial planning services. This course is the same as BUS 320, and only one may be taken for credit. See "Cross-Listed Courses" in the catalog.