Economics

Does it pay to go to college? What determines the interest rates on student loans? What causes bank failures? Does free trade between the U.S. and China benefit Americans? Why is the price of gas so high? Is current U.S. immigration policy good for the economy? If you have ever thought about any of these questions, you have thought about questions economists study and try to answer. Economists use mathematical and statistical models to study how individuals, organizations and societies make choices about how to use limited resources to meet various needs and desires. The goal is to attain higher living standards and improve social welfare.

The Economics Program degree offers four options: general economics; managerial economics; law, economics and policy; and mathematical economics. Economics training provides excellent preparation for graduate work in economics, public policy, law and business. OSU Economics graduates also use their degrees to work professionally in the public (federal, state and local government) and private (banking, consulting, retail, and corporate) sectors. We invite you to explore our web site to learn more about Economics at OSU and career possibilities with this versatile major.

Your Bachelor’s Degree (BA/BS) in the College of Liberal Arts

- A minimum of 180 credits are required for graduation; 60 must be upper division (300 and 400-level courses).
- A maximum of 135 credits earned at a community college may be applied toward a bachelor’s degree at OSU.
- Only courses with letter prefixes and numbers above 100 can be accepted.
- Some courses can count towards your major and the Baccalaureate Core. Check with your advisor.
- Options available. See "Important Notes".
- See the OSU Catalog for a list of courses required for your major and option: catalog.oregonstate.edu

Courses for this Major (offered at Portland Community College)

Priority courses to complete before transferring are distinguished by $^P$

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- BA courses are only for Managerial Economics option.
- Mathematical Economics should take MTH 251, 252, 254.
- General Economics and Managerial Economics options can take MTH 241 or 251.
- Taking lower division classes at community college via DPP is good. Economics majors do NOT benefit from actual completion of an associate degree.
- Law, Economics, and Policy option needs minimum MTH 105Z, but MTH 111Z is preferred.
- MTH 243, 244, Intro Probability & Statistics are NOT beneficial for ECON majors.
- Students interested in studying economics should work with OSU economics advisor from the beginning for best use of community college coursework.

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Important Notes & Resources

Important Notes for the College and Major:

- Grade requirements can vary; refer to your OSU advisor.
- See a sample degree plan by searching "Economics" admissions.oregonstate.edu/find-your-major
- Option required. Select from: General Economics; Law, Economics, and Policy; Managerial Economics; or Mathematical Economics (Mathematical option only available at Corvallis campus)
- Other similar majors to explore: Political Science, Public Policy, Sociology
- ECON 201, ECON 202, and some Baccalaureate Core are priority courses to complete before transferring to OSU.
- Talk with an OSU advisor about your specific timeline for the best time to transfer.
- It is important to speak with your OSU advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing.

Resources and OSU Information:

- Students do not have to complete a transfer degree in order to transfer to OSU.
  - If you've completed the Oregon AAOT, all requirements of the Baccalaureate Core are complete except for Synthesis Courses and Writing Intensive Courses.
- Preparing to apply to OSU? See admissions info: oregonstate.edu/admissions/transfer.html
- Want to take classes at both OSU and an Oregon community college simultaneously? Check out the Degree Partnership Program: partnerships.oregonstate.edu/students
- Visit OSU for a campus tour and meet with an advisor; schedule your visit at visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus

General Education Courses (called the Baccalaureate Core)

- Complete one course in each Perspectives category with no more than two in the same department.
- For full listing of courses that fulfill Baccalaureate Core, please refer to https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-portland-community-college
- Liberal Arts Core
  - Additional 15 credit minimum core of classes for all Liberal Arts majors.
  - For full listing of courses that fulfill Liberal Arts Core, please refer to your advisor.

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Fine Arts Core

- At least 3 credits
- Refer to advisor

Non-Western Core

- At least 3 credits
- Refer to advisor

Humanities Core

- At least 3 credits
- Refer to advisor

Social Core

- At least 3 credits
- Refer to advisor
BA/BS Degree Requirements

**BA Requirement:** Second-year proficiency in a second language (including ASL) at the college level with at least a C–.

**BS Requirement:** A minimum 15-credit block of science, computer science, and quantitative studies

For more details and a full list of courses, visit [https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/#collegerequirementslargestext](https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/#collegerequirementslargestext)

Advising Contacts

It is important to speak with your OSU academic advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing.

Academic advisors at your community college and OSU are available to answer your questions and assist you in creating a transfer plan. **See your community college advisor first and use this Transfer Guide to help you plan.** Also, consider visiting OSU to take a campus tour and meet with an advisor. See [visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus](https://visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus) to schedule your personalized visit.

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