

## 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/faculty 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](mailto:clas_advising@ucdenver.edu)

Find your CLAS Advisor [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) Building 1030  
303-315-7100

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

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303-315-2030

## 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 semester 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) semester hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

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

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

**Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department 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 ECON credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 18 upper division (3000-level and above) ECON credit hours. Of the 18 upper-division hours, 12 of them must be 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. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 33 ECON credit hours, including ECON 4811, with CU Denver faculty.
5. Only courses taken at CU Denver will apply in the GPA calculation.
6. All courses other than ECON 2012 and ECON 2022 require written department approval to be transferred in as satisfying major requirements.
7. Any courses taken in Economics may satisfy the elective requirement, other than internships and independent studies which require the approval of the department chair. Students must take at least six of the courses for the major from CU Denver faculty, including ECON 4811. 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.
8. (MATH 2411 - Calculus II or MATH 2421 - Calculus III with a grade of B or higher will satisfy the ECON 3801 requirement. If a student completes ECON 3801, and then subsequently or concurrently completes before completing MATH 2411, with a grade of B or higher, ECON 3801 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 with a B or better, then ECON 3801 taken subsequently cannot be counted as an elective.)

## LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
<b>* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *</b>		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	<a href="#">CLAS Graduation Requirements</a>
ECON Major Requirements	40	18 semester hours must be upper-division, including 12 4000-level hours
<b>ECON Required Courses</b>		
ECON 2012 Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics Note **: MATH2411 with a grade of B or higher will satisfy this requirement.	3	*Prerequisite/Corequisite: C- or higher in ECON 2012 *Prerequisite: C- or higher in ECON 2022, MATH 1110 or higher **If students complete ECON 3801 first and then MATH2411 with a B, ECON3801 will count as an ECON elective. If students complete MATH 2411 with a B first, ECON 3801 will not count as an elective.
ECON 3811 Statistics with Computer Applications	4	*Prerequisite/Corequisite: ECON 2022 *Prerequisite: C- or higher in MATH 1110 or higher
ECON 4071 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in ECON 3801 or B- or higher in MATH 2411 or 2421
ECON 4081 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	3	
ECON 4811 Introduction to Econometrics	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in ECON 3811 or MATH 3382
<b>ECON Major Elective Courses:</b> Note: 4 electives must be at 4000-level	18	*See major advisor for approved courses. Check individual courses for prerequisites.
<b>Estimated General Electives</b>	<b>11 - 31</b>	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
<b>Total Minimum Program Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>	45 semester hours must be upper-division

### SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. **Students must meet with an Economics major advisor to create an individualized plan of study.**

<b>Year One</b>	<b>Fall</b>	CRS	<b>Spring</b>	CRS	
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3		ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1401 <i>recommended</i>	3		CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	ECON 2012 <sup>C</sup>	3		ECON 2022 <sup>C</sup>	3
	CU Denver Core Arts / First-Year Seminar	3		CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with Lab	4
	General Elective	3		General Elective – MATH 2411 <i>recommended</i>	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Fall</b>	CRS	<b>Spring</b>	CRS	
	ECON 3801 <sup>PE</sup> (if required – see ECON advisor)	3		ECON 4071 <sup>PE</sup>	4
	ECON 3811 <sup>PE</sup>	3		CLAS Biol/Phys Science with Lab	4
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3		CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity <sup>M</sup>	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without Lab	3		CLAS Humanities	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	2
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Year Three</b>	<b>Fall</b>	CRS	<b>Spring</b>	CRS	
	ECON 4811 <sup>PE</sup>	3		CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	ECON 4081 <sup>PE</sup>	3		ECON Elective Course	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3		CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	CLAS Second Language Semester I	5		CLAS Second Language Semester II	5
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Year Four</b>	<b>Fall</b>	CRS	<b>Spring</b>	CRS	
	ECON Elective Course	3		ECON 4000-Level Elective Course	3
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	ECON 4000-Level Elective Course	3		General Upper-Division Elective	3
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	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>