Our teaching and research stress the importance of markets and institutions on economic, political and social issues. We develop the critical thinking skills necessary to formulate reasoned responses to complex social, political, and business problems. We specialize in teaching students how to apply economic-reasoning tools towards Problem Solving by leveraging economics to develop Critical Thinking skills. Everything about our program, from its focus on applied economics, to our co-curricular activities, such as the Provocative Lecture series, to frequent faculty-student interaction, to a pedagogy that promotes discussion, is directed at reawakening the student’s questioning, challenging and creative mind.

**CAREER OPTIONS FOR MAJOR**

Forget about career titles--they tell you nothing about the tasks you will do each day. We strongly recommend that you put your attention on acquiring the durable and flexible human capital skills of outstanding Communication (oral and written), Calculation (statistical analysis) and Critical thinking. When you OWN these three human capital skills (think of them as equipment) you get the CONFIDENCE to pursue any career.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO MAJOR**

You need a 2.5 grade point average. Additionally, you should be comfortable with the idea that there is more than one right answer to complex questions—memorizing facts does not help much in economics—you must be able to explain why. It also helps if you enjoy discussing and questioning.

**ADVISORS**

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**GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

- Masters of Arts, Economics

**GENERAL EDUCATION OFFERED (GE)**

- ECON 1B (area D1)

**MAJORS OFFERED**

- Bachelor of Arts, Economics
- Bachelor of Science, Economics

**MINORS OFFERED**

- Economics

Check out the Economics Club at SJSU on Facebook.
REQUIREMENTS IN THE MAJOR
For complete and detailed unit requirements, and additional major criteria, please visit the department website at: http://www.sjsu.edu/economics

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, ECONOMICS

**Preparation for the Major**
- Math 71 or Math 30

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**Economics Electives**
- Choose any 5 100-level Economics classes

### BACHELOR OF ARTS, ECONOMICS

**Lower Division Requirements:**
- ECON 1A: Macroeconomics
- ECON 1B: Microeconomics
- ECON 003: Economic Statistics

**Upper Division Requirements:**
- ECON 101: Microeconomics Analysis
- ECON 102: Macroeconomics Analysis

**Economics Area Courses**
Choose 4 courses from at least 2 of the following areas:

**Area I, History and Development:**
- ECON 112: Economic Development
- ECON 113A: ECON History of US
- ECON 113B: ECON History of Europe
- ECON 158: The Political Economy of Privatization
- ECON 190A: History of Economic Thought

**Area II, International and Financial Economics:**
- ECON 135: Money & Banking
- ECON 136: International Economics
- ECON 137A: Fundamentals of Corp. Finance
- ECON 137B: Topics in Corp. Finance
- ECON 139: Principles of Investment

**Area III, Public Policy:**
- ECON 121: Industrial Organization
- ECON 132: Public Finance
- ECON 141: Law & Economics
- ECON 151: Labor Economics
- ECON 166: Urban Economics

**Area IV, Quantitative Economics:**
- ECON 103: Econometrics
- ECON 104: Mathematical Methods for Economics
- ECON 138: Business and Economic Forecasting
- ECON 195: Computational Methods

**Economics Electives**
- Choose any 3 100-level Economics classes

### ADVICE FROM ECONOMICS ALUMNI

“Economics is an extremely versatile major that has applications in many fields. If you choose to use it in business you should not shy away from applying for analyst positions even if they don’t specifically state that they are looking for business and accounting majors. The analytical tools you learn in economics are extremely well suited to high level analysis.”

“It is a great choice for people who have no idea what they want to do because it is applicable to everything!”

“Don’t get scared away from Economics because you think it’s all about numbers. It’s not. In fact, most of the value that comes from the Economics discipline comes out of the core principles and the way they teach you to think about problem solving. These tools and methods will surface again and again in life as you have to make hard decisions about how to handle relationships, gain employment, or manage your own business. It’s powerful stuff.”