



The Economics Department at San José State University has one core mission: to train both graduate and undergraduate students in the economic way of thinking and market process. Our internationally recognized faculty will guide your exploration of economic theory, equipping you with the analytical decision-making skills to prepare you to succeed in careers in business, public policy, government service, data management, as well as providing a solid foundation for future doctoral studies in economics.

At the undergraduate level, we offer both bachelor of arts and bachelor of sciences degrees, as well as an economics minor. At the graduate level, we offer an MA program in Economics, with an optional concentration in Applied Economics. Because we offer a terminal Masters degree program, we are uniquely equipped to prepare students to face the business world.

Students at San José State University also have the opportunity to participate in research workshops and seminars, as well as attend our Provocative Lecture Series.

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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| Advisors |
| Advisors are noted on our website. Please check there for the most current information, as advisors vary. |

GENERAL EDUCATION OFFERED

- ECON 1B (area D1)

MAJORS OFFERED (GE)

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

MINORS OFFERED

- Economics

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Masters of Arts, Economics

Check out the Economics Club at SJSU on Facebook.



MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

For complete and detailed unit requirements, and additional major criteria, please visit the department website at: <http://www.sjsu.edu/economics>

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ECONOMICS

Lower Division Requirements

- ECON 1A: Macroeconomics
- ECON 1B: Microeconomics
- ECON 003: Economic Statistics

Upper Division

- ECON 101: Microeconomics Analysis
- ECON 102: Macroeconomics Analysis

Economics Electives

- Choose any 7 100-level Economics classes

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, ECONOMICS

Preparation for the Major

- MATH 71 or MATH 30

Lower Division Requirements

- ECON 1A: Macroeconomics
- ECON 1B: Microeconomics
- ECON 003: Economic Statistics

Upper Division Requirements

- ECON 101: Microeconomics Analysis
- ECON 102: Macroeconomics Analysis
- ECON 103: Econometrics
- ECON 104: Mathematical Methods for Econ.

Economics Electives

- Choose any 5 100-level Economics classes

ECONOMICS MINOR

Lower Division Requirements

- ECON 1A: Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 1B: Principles of Microeconomics

Economic Electives

- Choose any 3 100-level Economics classes

ECONOMICS ELECTIVES

- ECON 106: Managerial Economics
- ECON 108: Cost Benefit Analysis
- ECON 109: Economics for Teachers
- ECON 112: Economic Development
- ECON 113A: Economic History of the US
- ECON 113B: Economic History of Europe
- ECON 121: Industrial Organization
- ECON 132: Public Finance
- ECON 133: Public Choice Economics
- ECON 135: Money and Banking
- ECON 136: International Economics
- ECON 137A: Fundamentals of Corp, Finance
- ECON 137B: Topics in Corporate Finance
- ECON 138: Economic & Business Forecasting
- ECON 139: Principles of Investment
- ECON 141: Law and Economics
- ECON 151: Labor Economics
- ECON 155: Austrian Economics
- ECON 158: Economics of Entrepreneurship
- ECON 165: Regional Economics
- ECON 166: Urban Economics
- ECON 190: History of Economic Thought
- ECON 193: Institutional Economics
- ECON 195: Computational Methods

MESSAGE 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.”