



**LIBERAL ARTS**

**Program Description:** Economists examine how individuals and groups, including companies and governments, decide how they will use limited resources to produce and distribute goods and services. Students who study economics ask questions about trade, taxes, prices, and monetary policy. Students choosing economics as a major typically follow the pathway through Austin Community College’s Economics Program, then transfer to a bachelor’s degree program at a four-year institution.

This program is designed so that students receiving an Associate of Arts degree in Economics at ACC will be prepared to take junior and senior level courses at any four-year college or university. All courses in this degree plan must be taken and passed in order to earn an AA in Economics. The order, given below, in which these courses should be taken, is just a suggestion. Students may take the courses in any order they want to except for those courses that require a course prerequisite (+). The economics program also suggests that ECON 2302 be taken before ECON 2301.

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*Use this **Program MAP** to choose courses with your advisor and track progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS		
<i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
EDUC 1300 - Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success <b>OR</b> HUMA 1301 - Humanities: Prehistory to Renaissance <b>OR</b> SPCH 1311 - Introduction to Speech Communication <b>OR</b> SPCH 1315 - Public Speaking	3	All first time Austin Community College (ACC) students with fewer than 12 SCH of successful college credit must take the EDUC 1300 or HUMA 1301 topic Great Questions Seminar course in their first semester at ACC. All other students may select either EDUC 1300, HUMA 1301, SPCH 1311, or SPCH 1315. See an advisor or a full-time faculty member in Economics for more information.
ENGL 1301 - English Composition I	3	Prerequisite(s): TSI complete in reading and writing or exempt.
HIST 1301 - United States History I	3	
Foreign Language	4	
	<b>13</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your advisor</b>
Semester 2		
ENGL 1302 - English Composition II	3	Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1301 or equivalent with minimum grade of C.
HIST 1302 - United States History II	3	
GOVT 2305 - United States Government	3	
MATH 1324 - Mathematics for Business and Economics <b>OR</b> MATH 2412 - PreCalculus: Functions and Graphs	3	Prerequisite(s): See Course Descriptions. Consult with an Economics faculty advisor to determine the most appropriate choice for your goals.
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
	<b>15</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor</b>

Semester 3		
GOVT 2306 - Texas State and Local Government	3	
ECON 2302 - Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 2301 can be taken first and ECON 2302 may be taken second.
Language, Philosophy, and Culture	3-4	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
MATH 2413 - Calculus I	4	Consult with an Economics faculty advisor to determine if it is necessary to take one or more of the following courses before taking Calculus I - MATD 0390, MATH 1314, MATH 1316, or MATH 2412. Students planning to transfer to the Economics Program at Texas State may substitute MATH 1425 for MATH 2413.
Life and Physical Sciences	3-4	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
	<b>16-18</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor</b>
Semester 4		
ECON 2301 - Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECON 2301 can be taken first and ECON 2302 may be taken second.
Core Restricted Elective	3	Consult with an Economics faculty advisor to determine the most appropriate choice for your goals.
MATH 2414 - Calculus II	4	Students planning to transfer to the Economics Program at Texas State may substitute MATH 1342 for MATH 2414.
Life and Physical Sciences	3-4	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Creative Arts	3	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List. <b>ACHIEVEMENT:</b> Associate of Arts degree in Economics
	<b>16-17</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
<b>Total Program Hours: 60-63</b>		

Please always check online at [catalog.austincc.edu](http://catalog.austincc.edu) or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

## Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career and Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

[www.austincc.edu/career](http://www.austincc.edu/career)

[www.austincc.edu/transfer](http://www.austincc.edu/transfer)

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

## Transfer Program Map

# Economics

Degree: Associate of Arts in Economics (AA)

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## Transfer Information

The Associate of Arts in Economics provides a transfer pathway to a 4-year college or university where students can earn a bachelor's degree. Students are strongly encouraged to select a transfer destination by the time they have completed 24 semester credit hours.

Economics degrees at a 4-year institution may be offered as Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and/or Bachelor of Business Administration. Consider majoring in Business Administration at ACC if you are interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics at a 4-year institution.

**Transfer Guides:** *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

**The University of Texas at Austin:** <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

**Texas State University:** <http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/transfer/tpg.html>

**Texas A&M University:** <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/majors>

**St. Edward's University:** <https://www.stedwards.edu/undergraduate/economics>

**Southwestern University:** <http://www.southwestern.edu/departments/economicsbusiness/majoring.php>

**The University of Texas at San Antonio:** <https://www.utsa.edu/advising/transfer/index.html>

**Additional Transfer Resources:** ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: <http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.

## Career Information

To be a successful economist, you must be able to produce economic forecasts and reports for presentation to clients (individuals, companies, financial organizations and public bodies) and to give advice on policy questions and business strategy. Possible employers include local and national government, public and private banks, insurance companies, think-tanks, large multinational companies, colleges and universities, financial consultancies, accountancy firms, and local authorities.

### Common Job Titles

Economist (includes Economic Analyst, Economic Consultant, Economist, Forensic Economist, Health Researcher, Professor, Professor of Economics, Project Economist, Research Analyst), Economics Teachers-Postsecondary, Auditors, Survey Researchers, Social Science Research Assistants, Market Research Analysts, Marketing Specialists  
*Many career opportunities in this field require completion of a bachelor's degree or higher.*

### Regional Labor Market Information

**Economists:** New workers generally start around \$41,311. Normal pay for Economists is \$83,628 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$204,204. Over the last year, 4 companies have posted 6 jobs for Economists in this region. There are currently 92 Economists that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/economist>

**Financial Analysts:** New workers generally start around \$49,288. Normal pay for Financial Analysts is \$82,477 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$160,748. Over the last year, 249 companies have posted 1,374 jobs for Financial Analysts in this region. There are currently 2,799 Financial Analysts that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/financial-analyst>

**Career and labor market research tools** (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O\*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

**Career Resources:** ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.