

POLITICAL ECONOMICS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This discipline enables students to understand the world in a much better way, particularly clarifying the process of decision making. Whenever people, businesses, or their representatives make a choice between alternative activities—for example, a business decision to hire more workers or, instead, buy a new machine—there will be an impact. Each alternative has associated costs and benefits. Economics teaches us how to analyze the costs and benefits so that we can make more intelligent choices. Economics also addresses the impact of decisions upon equity (fairness), particularly as measured by the distribution of wealth and income.

Studying economics is an excellent preparation for a career in law, industry, banking, accounting, private consulting, teaching, and government service. Because we encounter economic problems in all areas of our lives and throughout society, economics provides useful intellectual training for individuals who simply wish to become better educated prior to making a lifelong career decision.

CAREER AT A GLANCE:

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy working with data and research
- You like working with others
- You like to conduct research
- You are detail oriented
- You enjoy public speaking
- You like working with computers
- You enjoy giving back to your community
- You want to work in positions of leadership
- You want to be an elected public official
- You want to identify the best way to conduct business

Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Small Businesses	Colleges & Universities
Banks	Financial Corporations
Non-Profit Organizations	State/Local Government
Private Companies	Federal Government

For more information visit: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Start taking introductory economics courses
- Apply for entry level positions in reception, data entry, or customer service with employers where you would like to promote
- Job shadow and network with professionals in positions you are interested in learning more about
- Volunteer at community events

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Legislative Aide/Assistant	\$50,040
Bank Teller	\$29,650
Private Consultant	\$112,670
Fundraising Clerk	\$36,800
Grant Clerk	\$36,800
Social Service Assistant	\$40,450
Correspondence Clerk	\$40,340
Eligibility Interviewer	\$49,560

WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Economics Teacher	\$105,680
Economist	\$112,670
Operations Research Analyst	\$51,500
Resource Management Specialist	\$69,180
School Administration	\$119,790
Compensation Analyst	\$70,030
Workforce Development Specialist	\$69,200
Urban Planning	\$85,410
Fundraiser	\$59,950

For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit www.onetonline.org.

MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

LEGEND: G=Grade IP=In Progress N=Need **Bold: Prerequisites** Plain Text: No Prerequisites

Major Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree: (A145)

		Grade	IP	Need	Units
ECON 2	Principles of Macroeconomics				3
ECON 4	Principles of Microeconomics				3
SCSCI 10	Statistics for Social Science (or STAT 10, Elementary Statistics)				4

Student Name: _____

ID#: _____

Date: _____

Plus three courses from the following:

		Grade	IP	Need	Units
ECON 1	Introduction to Economics				3
ECON 7	Economics History of the United States				3
ECON 8	History of Economic Ideas				3
PS 7	International Relations				3
PS 10	Comparative Politics				3
SOC 10	Introduction to Sociology				3

Counselor: _____

COUNSELOR NOTES:

\$46 per unit for CA Residents
