AAECONS – Economics Pre-Major

University Arts and Science

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2022
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Program Area: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Description:

The Economics Pre-Major pathway identifies the first two years of study towards a four-year degree in Economics. Coursework consists of a Liberal Arts foundation in the humanities, social sciences, math, and statistics. This foundation helps develop a deep understanding of people in society and of the cultural, political, economic, and institutional impact of their decisions.

Program Information:

The Economics Pre-Major pathway prepares students for transfer into Year 3 of most Economics degree programs in BC. See detailed notes on the laddering requirements for specific programs below.

Students who achieve all of the requirements of the Economics Pre-Major pathway will receive a COTR Associate of Arts degree. The Associate of Arts degree is a provincially recognized two-year credential that guarantees a full 60 credits of transfer credit within the BC post-secondary system.

LADDERING REQUIREMENTS:
This program is to be designed to support laddering options into third year programs in social sciences, specifically Economics programs that use a 2 + 2 model.

Competitive admission into Year 3 programs applies, which means that acceptance into a degree program is not guaranteed.

University programs in Economics include the following (with advising notes on entry to Year 3):

- Simon Fraser University
    - Take SFU ECON 201 in Year three
- Thompson Rivers University
    - Take TRU ECON 2900 and 2950 in Yr. 3
- University of BC-O
    - Take ECON 204 and ECON 205 in Yr. 3
- University of BC-V
    - Take UBC ECON 325 and 326 in Yr. 3
- University of the Fraser Valley
    - Take COTR ACCT 261 before transfer
    - Take UFV BUS 249 and 226 in Yr. 3
    - Take UFV ECON 203 and 207 in Yr. 3
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Victoria
    - Take UVic ECON 203 and 204 in Yr. 3
    - Take UVic ECON 245 and 246 in Yr. 3
- Vancouver Island University
    - Direct entry to Yr. 3

Credentials Granted:

Associate of Arts Degree

Associate of Arts General Requirements: 60 semester credits of first and second year courses. These must include a minimum of 18 credits in Arts at the second year level taken in two or more subject areas.

Economic Pre-Major Pathway program:

This Associate of Arts pathway is designed for transfer to an Economics degree program after 2 years at COTR.

Minimum Course Grade: A minimum grade of D

Program Average: A minimum program grade point average of 3.0/10 (C average)

Progression Requirements:

To earn an Associate of Arts degree, students will be expected to maintain an average overall grade of C or better calculated on all courses counting towards the associate degree.

Delivery Methods: On-Campus (Face-to-Face), Online

Credits: 60

Admission Requirements:

- Complete all of the following
  - Secondary school graduation or equivalent.
  - Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
    - ENST 12 – English Studies 12
    - ENFP 12 – English First Peoples 12
    - ENGL090 – English – Provincial Level

    Complete one of the following

  - Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
    - MATH090 – Mathematics – Provincial Level
    - MATH100 – Pre-Calculus (3)
  - Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in each of the following:
    - PREC 11 – Pre-Calculus 11
    - PREC 12 – Pre-Calculus 12
  - Complete all of the following
    - Earned a minimum grade of B (75%) in each of the following:
      - CALC 12 – Calculus 12
    - And Pre-Calculus 12

Program Completion Requirements:

Year 1
30 Total Credits

- Complete all of the following

  Fall Semester
  - Complete all of the following
    - Completed the following:
      - ENGL100 – English Composition (3)
      - ECON101 – Microeconomics (3)
      - MATH103 – Differential Calculus (3)
      - POLI100 – Introduction to Politics & Government (3)
      - ACCT261 – Introductory Financial Accounting 1 (3)
    - Take ACCT 261 or an Elective

  Winter Semester
  - Complete all of the following

- Completed at least 1 of the following:
  - ENGL101 – Introduction to Poetry and Drama (3)
  - ENGL102 – Introduction to Prose Fiction (3)
- Completed the following:
  - ECON102 – Macroeconomics (3)
  - STAT106 – Statistics (3)
  - MATH104 – Integral Calculus (3)
- Completed at least 1 of the following:
  - ECON207 – Managerial Economics (3)
  - ECON250 – Environmental Economics (3)

Year 2
30 Total Credits

- Complete all of the following

  Fall Semester
  - Complete all of the following
    - Completed the following:
      - INDG120 – Introduction to Indigenous Worldviews (BC Focus) (3)
      - SOCI210 – Introduction to Social Science Research Methods (3)
    - Completed at least 1 of the following:
      - BIOL151 – Biology of the Environment (3)
      - ENSC101 – Introduction to Environmental Science (3)
    - Completed at least 1 of the following:
      - HIST208 – Canadian-American Relations 1867 to the Present (3)
      - HIST230 – Canada's Enviromental History (3)

    200-level arts elective
    - Completed at least 1 courses from the following:
    - Second Year Humanities
    - Second Year Social Science
    - Second Year Fine Arts

  Winter Semester
  - Complete all of the following
    - Completed at least 1 of the following:
      - ECON207 – Managerial Economics (3)
      - ECON250 – Environmental Economics (3)
    - Completed the following:
      - MATH221 – Elementary Linear Algebra (3)
      - SOCI102 – Introduction to Sociology 2: Social Institutions (3)
      - HIST202 – Post Confederation Canada (from 1867) (3)

    200-level arts elective
    - Completed at least 1 courses from the following:
    - Second Year Humanities
    - Second Year Social Science

- Second Year Fine Arts

Grand Total Credits: 60

Program Completion Requirements Notes:

A grade of "D" grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

Flexible Assessment: Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. Contact an education advisor for more information.

Program Transfer Credit:

For information about block transfer agreements between programs in British Columbia, Alberta, and elsewhere, please visit http://www.cotr.bc.ca/transfer.

To minimize transfer issues, check with an academic advisor at the institution that will receive the transfer credits.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/ and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

Program Changes:

Information contained in this program outline is correct at the time of publication. Courses and course content may be revised from time to time based on changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The timetable may also be revised.

Course Descriptions: Refer to Course Outlines – https://outlines.cotr.bc.ca/course/