

Program Description

It is often suggested that economics is the study of peoples' efforts to satisfy their unlimited wants by utilizing their limited resources. Economics studies the cost implications of an individual making a decision to go to college, the cost implications of a society making a decision to go to war, and everything in-between. The Economics Transfer Pathway provides a broad base of general education relevant to economics careers, and prepares students for transfer into an Economics baccalaureate degree at Minnesota State universities. A bachelor's degree in economics will open doors into a number of career fields including management, public administration, public policy, banking, education, and business. It may also be a step to advanced degrees in many fields.

Program Outcomes

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Ask an economic question, gather information and resources, form an explanatory hypothesis, collect data that can be used to test the hypothesis, analyze the data, draw conclusions, and suggest future research;
- Work with mathematical formalizations of economic models and perform mathematical operations; explain the design and results of laboratory and field experiments; and explain the conduct, results, and limitations of basic econometrics;
- Explain economic models as deliberate simplifications of reality that economists create to think through complex, nondeterministic behaviors; identify the assumptions and limitations of each model and their potential impacts;
- Explain the strengths and limitations of economic data and statistical analyses; think creatively and combine or synthesize existing economic ideas in original ways; and
- Demonstrate knowledge of major economic institutions and familiarity with magnitudes of common economic statistics.

Program Course Requirements

Required Discipline Courses (6 credits)

ECON 2401	Principles of Economics – Macroeconomics (Goal 5).....	3 cr
ECON 2402	Principles of Economics – Microeconomics (Goal 5).....	3 cr

Required MnTC Courses (36 credits)

Goal 1 - Communications

COMM 2420	Intercultural Communication (Goals 1,7) OR	
COMM 2422*	Honors Intercultural Comm (Goals 1,7)	
	recommended, or other COMM course	3 cr
ENGL 1410	Composition I (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	4 cr
ENGL 1411*	Composition II (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1421*	Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9).....	4 cr

Goal 2 – Critical Thinking**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Goal 3 - Natural Sciences

2 disciplines recommended, 1 lab course required..... 6 cr

Goal 4 – Math/Logical Reasoning

MATH 1460*	Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4) OR	
MATH 1461*	Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4).....	4 cr
MATH 1470	College Algebra (Goal 4).....	3 cr

Goal 5 – History/Social Behavioral Sciences

Any discipline other than Economics..... 3 cr

Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts

PHIL 2410	Introduction to Philosophy (Goals 2,6)	
	recommended, or other PHIL course.....	3 cr
	2 disciplines required, 3 recommended	6 cr

Goal 7 – Human Diversity**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Goal 8 – Goal Perspective**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Goal 9 – Ethic and Civic Responsibility**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Goal 10 – People and The Environment**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal1 course

Fitness for Life (2 credits)

HLTH or PHED Fitness for Life course 2 cr

Student Success (1 credit)

CCST 1550 Introduction to College (recommended).... 1 cr

Electives - As needed to total 60 credits 16 cr**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 60 CREDITS

**Denotes Prerequisites*

***Many courses from Goals 1 – 6 also meet Goal 7 – 10. Credits count only once. Students are advised to select MnTC courses with multiple goal assignments whenever possible.*

Semester Course Requirements

This is a sample full-time student pathway.

Semester One (14 credits)

CCST 1550	Introduction to College (recommended)....	1 cr
ECON 2401	Principles of Economics – Macroeconomics (Goal 5).....	3 cr
ENGL 1410	Composition I (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	4 cr
Goal 3 w/lab	course (Goals 3,10).....	3 cr
Electives**	3 cr

Semester Two (16 credits)

COMM 2420	Intercultural Communication (Goals 1,7) OR	
COMM 2422*	Honors Intercultural Comm (Goals 1,7) recommended, or other COMM course	3 cr
ECON 2402	Principles of Economics – Microeconomics (Goal 5).....	3 cr
ENGL 1411*	Composition II (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1421*	Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9).....	4 cr
Goal 6 **	3 cr
Electives or Goal 7**	course	3 cr

Semester Three (15 credits)

MATH 1470*	College Algebra (Goal 4)	3 cr
PHIL 2410	Introduction to Philosophy (Goals 2,6) recommended, or other PHIL course.....	3 cr
Goal 3 **	3 cr
Goal 9 **	3 cr
Electives or Goal 2 or 10**	course.....	3 cr

Semester Four (15 credits)

MATH 1460*	Introduction to Statistics (Goal 4) OR	
MATH 1461*	Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4).....	4 cr
Goal 5 **	(any discipline other than Economics).....	3 cr
Goal 6 **	3 cr
Goal 8 **	3 cr
HLTH or PHED	Fitness for Life course	2 cr

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Transfer Opportunities

The Economics Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Economics bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so students completing this pathway degree and transferring to a Minnesota State university may enter with junior-year status. Courses in the Economics Transfer Pathway associates degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs. Students should consult with an advisor for guidance regarding how to best meet the requirements of their intended baccalaureate program. Universities within the Minnesota State system participating in the Economics Transfer Pathway include:

- Bemidji State University – BS
- Metropolitan State University - BS
- Minnesota State University, Mankato – BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead - BA
- St. Cloud State University - BA
- Winona State University - BA

Course Prerequisites

Some courses may require appropriate test scores or completion of basic math, basic English and/or reading courses with a “C” or better. CLC utilizes a multiple measure approach for placement which may include high school MCA, SAT, ACT scores in addition to high school GPAs. For insurance purposes, internships may require that students be 18 years old.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions in order to graduate:

1. College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0;
2. Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College.