

Economics Transfer Pathway

Associate of Arts Degree (TPEC)

Required Discipline	13
MnTC***	27
Fitness for Life	2
Student Success	1
Electives	as needed to complete 60
Total Credits	60

Required Courses

Required Discipline Courses (13 credits)

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

Required MnTC Courses

***An A.A. degree requires a minimum of 40 credits, complete all ten goal areas and a cumulative 2.0 GPA for the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

Goal 1 – Communications

ENGL 1410	Composition I (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	
ENGL 1411*	Composition II (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1421*	Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9)	

Recommended:

COMM 2420	Intercultural Communication (Goals 1,7) OR	
COMM 2422*	Honors Intercultural Comm (Goals 1,7)	

Goal 2 – Critical Thinking**

1 course

Goal 3 - Natural Sciences

6 cr

2 disciplines recommended, 1 lab course required

Goal 4 – Math/Logical Reasoning

Met with required course

Goal 5 – History/Social Behavioral Sciences

3 cr

Choose any discipline other than ECON.

Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts

9 cr

Recommended:

PHIL 2410	Intro to Philosophy (Goals 2,6)	
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2 disciplines required, 3 recommended

Goal 7 – Human Diversity**

1 course

Goal 8 – Goal Perspective**

1 course

Goal 9 – Ethic and Civic Responsibility**

1 course

Goal 10 – People and The Environment**

1 course

Fitness for Life

2 cr

HLTH or PHED Fitness for Life course

Student Success

1-3 cr

Recommended:

CCST 1550	Introduction to College	
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Electives -

As needed to total 60 credits

**Denotes Prerequisites*

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 60 CREDITS

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.

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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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.

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

Graduation Requirements

- These requirements apply to new students, and students who have been absent from this college one academic year or longer.
- At least one semester before you plan to graduate, complete an Application to Graduate.
- A total of 60 college level credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher are required for an Associate of Arts Degree.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all Minnesota Transfer Curriculum courses is required to complete the MnTC.
- 15 credits must be earned at Central Lakes College to be eligible for an Associate of Arts Degree.
- Classes may meet requirements for more than one goal area, but credit will not be awarded for any course twice.

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