

# ECONOMICS

ASSOCIATE DEGREE &amp; CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CATALOG

## DESCRIPTION

The study of economic theory and application allows students to develop their own perspective on causes and solutions to some of the pressing economic topics of society. The Economics Program at Cuesta College will provide students with a principle foundation from which to understand and improve decision-making processes in many aspects of life: as a consumer, an employee, an employer, a voter, a member of the global economy, and other roles.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Students who complete an [Associate Degree for Transfer \(ADT\)](#) and transfer to a similar major at a CSU are guaranteed a pathway to finish their baccalaureate degrees in 60 semester or 90 quarter units. These degrees require students to meet both of the following requirements: (1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following: (A) The Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University GE-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth). (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district. (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

## DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T.)

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Banking
- Economic Consulting
- Finance
- Government and Not-For-Profits
- Law
- Research and Development

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**ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAM**

**Economics** — Associate in Arts for Transfer

The Associates in Arts in Economics for Transfer degree (AA-T in Economics) at Cuesta College provides students with the theoretical and empirical foundation to comprehend and critically evaluate economic events, issues and participants impacting the U.S. economy.

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Students graduating with the AA-T in Economics will be prepared to transfer to a CSU as well as other universities in Economics or similar majors. Economics graduates at the Bachelor’s level are qualified for positions in industry, government, and public interest organizations. Additionally, they are well prepared to enter a graduate program in economics, business, journalism, law or public policy.

**Required Core: (13-15 credits)**

ECON 201A . . . Principles Of Macroeconomics . . . . .	3
ECON 201B . . . Principles Of Microeconomics . . . . .	3
MATH 247 . . . . Introduction To Statistics . . . . .	4
MATH 255 . . . . Calculus For Business And Management . . . . .	3
or	
MATH 265A . . . Calculus I . . . . .	(5)

**List A: Select one course (4-5 credits)**

ACCT 201A . . . Financial Accounting . . . . .	4
ACCT 201B . . . Managerial Accounting . . . . .	4
BUS 218 . . . . . Business Law . . . . .	4
BUS 227 . . . . . Business Communications . . . . .	4
CIS 210 . . . . . Introduction To Computer Applications . . . . .	4
MATH 265B . . . Calculus II . . . . .	5

**List B: Select one course (4-5 units)**

Any course not used in List A . . . . .	
MATH 283 . . . . Calculus III: Multivariable Calculus . . . . .	5

**Total Credits:** . . . . . **21-25**

“P” (Pass) grade is acceptable for major coursework in the Associate Degrees for Transfer. In addition to major preparation course work listed above, completion of the CSU GE or IGETC pattern is mandatory. Courses completed for the major can also be double counted towards GE, where appropriate. See a counselor for details. [Click Here For Program Student Learning Outcomes](#)

**TRANSFER PREPARATION**

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

**TRANSFER RESOURCES:**

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine: [www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org)  
 CSU System Information: [www2.calstate.edu](http://www2.calstate.edu)

**FINANCIAL AID**

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: [www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid](http://www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid)



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