

Economics Major Information and Degree Map for Advisors

At the heart of economics is the tension created by the existence of limited resources and relatively unlimited human wants. This scarcity of resources forces us to make decisions individually and collectively about how to best use our time and available resources in pursuit of happiness and satisfaction. Developing an understanding of economics provides another perspective to analyze life situations, and can also help strengthen your problem solving abilities. While courses in economics are generally required for business majors and those pursuing a number of other majors, they are beneficial for any student who would like to develop a better understanding of economics, economic policy, and the overall economy.

Sample/Recommended Schedule

<u>Quarter 1</u>			<u>Quarter 2</u>			<u>Quarter 3</u>		
ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5	CMST& 220	Public Speaking	5	ENGL& 102	Composition II	5
ECON 101	Intro to Economics	5	MATH& 146	Introduction to Statistics	5	Distribution	Humanities	5
CSS 103	First Quarter Experience	2	ECON& 201	Intro to Microeconomics	5	Distribution	Natural Sciences	5
PE 100	Wellness for Life	1				PE 1XX	PE Activity	1
		<u>13</u>			<u>15</u>			<u>16</u>
<u>Quarter 4</u>			<u>Quarter 5</u>			<u>Quarter 6</u>		
POLS& 201	Comparative Government (D)	5	ECON& 202	Intro to Macroeconomics	5	Distribution	Natural Science	5
PSYC& 100	General Psychology	5	POLS& 202	American Government	5	IS 200	States and Capitalism	5
Distribution	Humanities	5	EASC 110	Energy and Society (lab)	5	PHIL 215	Introduction to Ethics	5
PE 1XX	PE Activity	1						
		<u>16</u>			<u>15</u>			<u>15</u>

Recommended Distribution Options

(these courses can be inserted into the open distribution spaces or can be taken in place of distribution courses in the sample schedule)

Natural Science Distribution Options

EASC 120	Earth's Climate & Climate Change	5
ENVC 165	Sustainability Fundamentals	5
ENVS& 101	Intro to Environmental Science	5
GEOL& 100	Survey of Earth Science	5
NUTR& 101	Nutrition	5
OCEA& 101	Intro to Oceanography	5

Social Science Distribution Options

BUS& 101	Intro to Business	5
ETHNC 100	American Minorities (D)	5
HIST 270	History of Modern Asia	5
IS 201	The International System	5
POLS 203	International Relations (D)	5
SOC& 201	Social Problems	5

Humanities Distribution Options

ART 141	Introduction to Art (D)	5
CMST& 102	Intro to Mass Media	5
DRMA& 101	Intro to Theatre (D)	5
ENGL& 254	World Literature (D)	5
MUSC 127	History of Rock & Roll	5
	World Language Course	5

This degree map template includes the following components:

A brief description of the discipline/major for advisors and students to reference.

A two year degree map (divided into six quarters in this case) that shows where there is flexibility in course selection and where a specific course should be taken.

Suggested courses from the Natural Science, Social Science, and Humanities distribution areas. This preserves some choice for students (and flexibility for advisors since not all courses can be offered every term), without sending students or advisors back to the entire list of available distribution courses in our course catalog when a given course isn't available at a time/modality that meets a student's needs. (These distribution requirements are referred to as general education requirements in other systems.)

Options for potential learning communities are blocked (and also highlighted due to multiple options in Quarter 3) in the degree map.

To spread out high impact practices at Skagit Valley College, we initially avoided placing learning communities in Quarter 1 because the First Quarter Experience is also high impact practice. While our initial goal was to include at least two high impact practices in the first year and at least one high impact practice in the second year, there are some degree maps that may eventually include learning communities and/or other high impact practices in four, five, or even all six quarters in the map.