

Economics Transfer Pathway (AA)

60 Credits

The Economics Transfer Pathway AA 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 that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Economics provides new way to think about the world – an analytical mindset that is valuable in a wide variety of careers. It also helps people make better decisions in their private lives.

Students study how societies, businesses and individuals manage the scarce resources they have – and sometimes what the unintended consequences of their decisions are. In doing so, they learn to think more critically about issues we all face – not just commercial matters such as supply and demand, but also societal concerns such as government intervention, pollution control, and inequality.

Some economics majors become business or government analysts. But many graduates use this data-driven way of thinking to become successful in many fields, including business, law, medicine, government, nonprofit work and international relations.

Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

Required Courses

Incorporate the following Required Courses into the General Education/Minnesota Transfer Curriculum or Additional Course Requirements sections below.

ECON 2201	Principles of Microeconomics	3 cr
ECON 2202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 cr
MATH 1100	College Algebra	4 cr

Note: Or any higher numbered MATH course for which

1100 is a prerequisite.

Complete one of the following four courses:

BUSN 2220	Statistics for Business and Economics	4 cr
MATH 1080	Introduction to Statistics	4 cr
MATH 1090	STATWAY Statistics 2	4 cr
MATH 1095	STATWAY Statistics: Accelerated	4 cr

General Education/Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) – 40 Credits

*See MnTC Curriculum for specific course options

Goal 1: Communication – 2 Courses

ENG 1101	College Writing	4 cr
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Complete one of the following five courses:

COMM 1100	Introduction to Communication	3 cr
COMM 1101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COMM 1111	Interpersonal Communication	3 cr
COMM 1121	Small Group Communication	3 cr
COMM 1421	Strategic Media Communication	3 cr

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

(Met by completion of all 40 credits of the MnTC)

Goal 3: Natural Sciences – 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments; at least one must include a lab)

Course #1 _____

Course #2 _____

Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning – 1 Course

Course – met by taking required MATH courses

Goal 5: History and Social/Behavioral Sciences 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments)

Course #1 - met by taking required ECON courses

Course #2 _____

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments)

Course #1 _____

Course #2 _____

Goal 7: Human Diversity, Race, Power, and Justice in the United States – 1 Course

Course _____

Goal 8: Global Perspective – 1 Course

Course – met by taking required ECON courses

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility – 1 Course

Course – met by taking required ECON courses

Goal 10: People and The Environment – 1 Course

Course _____

Additional Course Requirements –20 Credits

- One Health (HLTH) course.
- One Exercise Science (EXSC) course.
- Elective credits – additional course(s) numbered 1000 and above, if needed to complete the 60 credit requirement. *The department recommends taking at least one additional ECON course.*

Other Degree Requirements

- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for college-level coursework (courses numbered 1000 and above) completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in the MnTC.
- Earn a minimum of 15 college-level credits at Normandale.