MAJOR IN ECONOMICS

Economics is the study of how people and societies use scarce resources to produce the things they want. Economics majors develop an appreciation of economic issues, and learn to analyze and critically evaluate economic phenomena and policies, formulating efficient and equitable solutions to pressing economic problems.

The major requires:
- Introductory and Intermediate Microeconomics
- Introductory and Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Econometrics
- Political Economy
- Senior Capstone Seminar
- Economics electives
- Prerequisite courses in math and statistics, as specified
- Completion of a minor or second major of the student’s choice

Learning Outcomes
Students will:
- Display command of basic microeconomic concepts such as rationality, cost/benefit, supply and demand theory, decision making at the margin, monopoly and competition, and efficiency and equity.
- Display command of basic macroeconomic concepts such as aggregate demand and supply, fiscal and monetary policy, and the use of these policies in the macro-economy.
- Understand and analyze a broad array of economic issues found in the news and understand how the economic aspects of society work. Students may choose from electives in developmental/international economics, environmental economics, race, class, gender, public policy, and more.

Accelerated Program
The major in Economics includes an accelerated program option (https://provost.colostate.edu/accelerated-programs/) for students to graduate on a faster schedule. Accelerated Programs typically include 15-16 credits each fall and spring semester for three years, plus 6-9 credits over two to three summer sessions (https://summer.colostate.edu/acceleratedprograms/). Students who enter CSU with prior credit (AP, IB, transfer, etc.) may use applicable courses to further accelerate their graduation. Visit the Office of the Provost website for additional information about Accelerated Programs (https://provost.colostate.edu/accelerated-programs/).

Potential Career Paths
Economics provides students with a broad academic background and critical thinking skills suitable to many fields: education, research, business, government, nonprofit, environmental conversation, international relations, and more.

Career choices include, but are not limited to:
- Commodities/stock broker
- Financial analyst
- Economic forecaster
- Trust administrator
- Loan counselor
- Foreign trade analyst
- Public policy analyst
- Regional/urban planner
- Foreign service officer
- Tax auditor
- Natural resource analyst
- Educator
- Researcher
- Community organizer
- Program administrator
- Systems evaluator