

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Economics (651)

The concentration in economics prepares students to transfer to four-year universities to pursue a bachelor of arts degree in economics, a bachelor of science degree in economics, or a bachelor of business degree in economics.

Transfer Considerations

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program

1. A Bachelor of Arts degree in economics focuses on the development of critical thinking skills and is generally recommended for students interested in government and is a top preparatory degree for law school. A Bachelor of Science degree in economics will focus more on statistics and business math, helping you to have a firmer understanding of calculating economic indicators. The Bachelor of Business degree in economics is well-suited for students interested in pursuing a degree in banking, financial institutions, or as a business analyst.
2. Principles of Macroeconomics (ECO 211), Principles of Microeconomics (ECO 212), Financial Accounting (ACC 101), Managerial Accounting (ACC 102), and College Algebra (MAT 121) or Calculus for Business & Social Sciences (MAT 221) are courses that are foundational prerequisites for most colleges if you plan to attain a degree in economics.

Competitive Admissions

Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
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- Dr. Jonathan E. Devereueawax, Professor, Economics 815-835-6393

Minimum Total Credit Hours - 67 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 17 Hours

- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- CIS109 - Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- ECO211 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- MAT240 - Elementary Statistics (3 Semester Hours)

OR

MAT220 - Finite Mathematics (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 17 Hours

- *Electives/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- ECO212 - Principles of Microeconomics (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- MAT221 - Calc for Bus & Soc Science (4 Semester Hours)

- PSY103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

OR

- SOC111 - Introduction to Sociology (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16-17 Hours

- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- **Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- ***Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- *Elective/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)

Fourth Semester - 16-17 Hours

- *Humanities/Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- **Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- ***Electives 6 Semester hour(s)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)

Footnotes

- *Three to four semesters of a college level foreign language or three to four years of a high school level foreign language may be required for a Bachelor of Arts degree. A Bachelor of Science degree may require more courses in mathematics, statistics, and/or computer science. Contact an academic advisor for more information.
- **One lab science required
- ***Suggested electives include ACC 101, ACC 102, MAT 150, CIS 207, additional mathematics.