

## Economic Program Goals

1. Economic knowledge: Learn the fundamental concepts, theories, and methodology of economics
  - a. Learn how to access extant economic knowledge
  - b. Develop an understanding of established economic knowledge and schools of thought (perspectives).
2. Critical thinking skills: Develop the ability to integrate and apply economic concepts and models to the analysis of problems and to the development and evaluation of economic policy.
  - a. Learn how to evaluate economic arguments and develop economic arguments.
  - b. Acquire problem solving and evaluation skills.
  - c. Learn to view economic phenomena in a broad context of economic development, as well as social, environmental, and policy contexts and in current events.
3. Quantitative skills: Develop the ability to collect appropriate data and conduct quantitative analyses in order to measure economic phenomena, test economic theories, evaluate policies, and make decisions.
  - a. Develop information literacy, including the ability to evaluate information sources
  - b. Master fundamental quantitative (mathematical and statistical) skills
  - c. Draw appropriate conclusions and understand their limitations and implications.
4. Communication and collaboration skills: Develop the ability to effectively communicate in written and oral form in groups and individually
  - a. Be able to explain economic concepts, theories, and models to a general audience in written and in oral presentations.
  - b. Be able to explain an economic problem and possible solutions to both general and economic audiences in writing and in oral presentations.
  - c. Develop the ability to work cooperatively and productively as part of a team.