

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

BA ECONOMICS PROGRAM GOALS, adopted October 6, 2017

The Economics Department at San Francisco State University seeks to prepare each student to effectively participate as an informed citizen in the affairs of our society, and to contribute productively in their careers using knowledge learned during their study of Economics.

The goals of the undergraduate program are:

1. In the program, students will acquire knowledge of current economic theory and thought needed to examine a particular economic issue or event. They will also develop an understanding of the role played by economic institutions, as well as how public policy can affect economic and social outcomes.
2. In the program, students will master the ability to collect, process, interpret, analyze and draw conclusions from economic information and economic data using appropriate quantitative methods.
3. In the program, students will develop and expand on skills necessary to effectively communicate economic ideas both orally and in writing to a wide audience.

MA ECONOMICS PROGRAM GOALS, adopted October 6, 2017

In its Masters degree program, the Economics department at San Francisco State University seeks to prepare graduate students for careers as professional economists, economic analysts, managers, or other professionals. The goals of the program are:

1. Students will learn micro and macroeconomic theories at the appropriate level and will be able to use these theories to analyze economic problems and issues relevant to the local, state, national, or global economy. With this knowledge, students will be able to understand and critically assess scholarly economics articles and propose possible pathways for future research.
2. Students will learn practical skills in collecting, processing, interpreting and analyzing economic data with appropriate statistical and econometric techniques.
3. Students will be able to employ economic reasoning in analyzing real world economic problems and effectively communicate their knowledge and findings both orally and in written formats.