

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, CSUF  
Learning Goals for the B.A. in Economics  
(Revised 2009-2010)**

**The following goals and learning outcomes have been established for students pursuing a degree in Economics:**

Understand critical concepts

- To understand the economic challenge of allocating limited resources among competing uses in a global economy and across different market structures under conditions of limited information.
- To understand the behavior of consumers and producers in product and factor markets and the concept of efficient allocation of resources as a maximizing mechanism.
- To understand the role of government in the economy in the context of business activity, income distribution, economic growth, globalization and market failure.

Engage in policy oriented analysis

- To understand the theory used to analyze economic variables and how they are affected by public policy and other factors.
- To critically evaluate and compare alternative schools of thought and expected policy outcomes.
- To understand the interaction between goods, factors and financial markets.

Operate professionally

- To understand how to access, use and interpret economic data and apply theory to analyze and discuss economic issues and events.
- To understand how to access existing economic literature and analyze economic problems using theoretical, statistical, and quantitative methods.