Why Economics at SDSU?

Scholarships

CPE Scholarship Awards: This competition is open to currently enrolled students with a concentration in economics and an interest in public economics.

McCuen Scholarship Awards: Students must be an Economics major or pre-major with a 3.00 overall cumulative GPA. Students must submit online application along with SAT or ACT scores and unofficial transcripts.

Terhune Scholarship Awards: Students must have a minimum 3.00 overall cumulative GPA and must be enrolled in 6 or more units. Each scholarship award will have a value of up to $10,000. Scholarships are designed to cover tuition and fees for the first year of graduate study. Students must submit application and essay.

Weintraub Scholarship Awards: Daniel Weintraub was born and raised in San Diego and received a degree in Economics from SDSU in 1981. He currently works for the Sacramento Bee as a public affairs columnist. This scholarship is to support excellence in writing about topics in economics.

Flexible:

The requirements for the regular Economics major allow students to take a range of elective courses so you can focus on topics that you find most interesting. There are only three required core courses (Micro and Macro Theory, as well as a course in the collection and use of data); the other six economics courses are electives (though two must be selected from a group of courses that have international content). Students may also choose an Emphasis in either International Economics or Public Policy, or a specialization in Quantitative Economics. These have a few more restrictions but are designed to give students a more focused curriculum in the chosen area.

Accessible:

The Department strives to make it as easy as possible for students to navigate the Department and University requirements. There is a Student Handbook for majors and minors, available on the Department website as well as from the Department Office. The website also has additional information about job opportunities, scholarships and answers to Frequently Asked Questions. There are several department advisors who have open office hours, when any student can drop in (no need for an appointment) to ask questions and receive advice about the major. Requests that require a signature (such as adjustment of requirements or declaration of major) are processed through the department office and generally returned within one week.

Diverse:

The Department provides a range of elective courses, covering most sub-fields of micro- and macroeconomics. Our newest courses include Health Economics, Economics of the Middle East, and Economics of Strategy. Other electives include Economics of Sports, Labor Economics, Public Finance, Money and Banking, Economics of Latin America and Environmental Economics, to name just a few. Please see the catalog for a full listing of courses. The research specialties of the Economics Faculty (listed on the reverse) also give a flavor of the diverse interests found across the Department.
Department of Economics Faculty Research
Listed for each faculty member are primary research fields and most recent publication.

Edmund Balsdon
Political economy and efficiency of public goods, with a focus on land economics

Hisham Foad
The effect of currency unions and migrant networks on international financial flows and trades

Roger Frantz
Behavioral economics in the history of economic thought

James Gerber
Mexico, US-Mexico relations, and China-Mexico relations

Shoshana Grossbard
Economics of marriage and the family

Christiana Hilmer
Academic labor market and the use of bootstrapping techniques when parameters are on a boundary

Michael Hilmer
Labor economics and public finance, and examination of issues in the economics of higher education and the professional labor market for academic economists

Jennifer Imazeki
School finance and teacher labor markets, particularly in California

Kangoh Lee
Public economics, labor economics, and economics of uncertainty and risk to include economics of tax evasion, economics of social norms, behavioral economics, and economics of insurance

Thitima Puttitanun
Policy-relevant topics in international economics (e.g. intellectual property rights, multinational firms, trade, and tariffs) and development economics

Quazi Shahriar
Experimental Economics, Game Theory and Industrial Organization

Mark Thayer
Value of non-market goods; economic evaluation of energy investments; and economic analysis of energy efficiency programs and policies