

First-Year Course Recommendations – Business/Economics

Full-time students typically choose a combination of these courses - totaling 12-16 units per semester.

	Course	Course Title	Course Advice	Units	Semester	
					1st	2nd
Major	BUS 101	Introduction to Business	This is a great beginning course taking an initial look at many of the topics typically covered in greater detail at the four year colleges (such as finance, management, and marketing). Only a few colleges require this course, but it transfers to all CSU and UC campuses. Note: it has a Skills Advisory of eligibility for ENGL 110.	3		
	ACCT 110	Introduction to Accounting	This is an applied course – teaching basic accounting theory. It isn't required for business majors, but is recommended preparation for ACCT 230 – Financial Accounting (which is required by most four year colleges for business). This course transfers to all CSU campuses. Note: it has Skills Advisories of Math 4 and eligibility for ENGL 110.	4		
General Education	English	See: Which English Courses Do I Need?	English is a foundational skill necessary for success in all college courses. Note: most SBCC courses have Skills Advisories of eligibility for ENGL 110. Take whichever level of English you are eligible to take.	3-5		
	Math	See: Understanding Your Math Course Placements	You will need one college level math course for admission to the California public universities. Most Business Administration majors require Elementary Statistics (MATH 117) and/or Calculus (either MATH 130 or both MATH 150 and 160). Go to Assist.org to see which math your dream school wants.	3-5		
	Arts and Humanities	See: IGETC Area 3A & 3B ; SBCC GE Pattern Area C	Look for courses with Skills Advisories which match your placement levels and that seem interesting to you.	3		
	Social Sciences	See: IGETC Area 4 ; SBCC GE Pattern Area B	Most business/economics majors want ECON 101 and ECON 102 for major preparation. Both of these courses count in this area, but we recommend you wait until your second year of college to take these challenging courses. You will need at least one course from another area besides Economics. Look for courses with Skills Advisories which match your placement levels and that seem interesting to you.	3		
	Science	See: IGETC Area 5A, 5B, & 5C SBCC GE Pattern Area A	UC and CSU campuses require two science courses – one from each of two different areas, but only one of them is required to have a lab component. Underlined courses on IGETC are the ones with the labs.	3-4		
Electives	PD 100	College Success	PD 100 is designed to teach study skills for academic success in college. It introduces resources available at SBCC and allows students to explore major and transfer goals.	3		
	PD 110	Career Planning	PD 110 is designed to help students explore major and career options while also gaining interview, communication, and resume writing skills. Note: both courses transfer to UC's and CSU's but UC's only count units for one (so we recommend you only take one).			
	PE	Physical Education Activities	You can transfer up to 4 units of PE activity courses to the UC's and more to CSU's. They can be a great way to manage stress and maintain physical health. Many of these courses are graded.	1		
	Any course of interest		Taking courses you are interested in can be one of the best ways to explore major and career options. SBCC offers many incredible courses in areas outside of major and general education that are still desired by the UC and CSU systems. Check out SBCC's great courses in: Entrepreneurship, Finance , International Business , Management , and Marketing .	1-5		

For additional advice about this major check out this [Choosing the Right Business or Economics Program](#) brochure and [Assist.org grid](#).