



WHAT IS ECONOMICS?

Economics is a social science that deals with allocation of scarce resources among competing alternatives. It analyzes the decisions of production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Today, the analytical method of economics is applied to education, family, business, finance (personal and corporate) crime, health, law, politics, religion, social institutions, and war and science to see how choices are made when allocating resources.

INTERESTS

(THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO)

- Public policy issues
- Analyzing data
- Developing theories
- Finding explanations or possible solutions to issues
- Synthesizing data
- Coordinating data and resources

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SKILLS

(THINGS YOU WILL LEARN & USE)

- Computer literacy
- Data analysis
- Time management
- Detail orientated
- Problem solving
- Math and reasoning skills
- Critical thinking
- Ability to develop methodologies
- Knowledge of economic theory

LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

The Economics major is housed under the Economics/Jewish Studies/Philosophy Department at Los Angeles Valley College. This major teaches students how to analyze given situations critically and make use of available data under the conditions of uncertainty. LAVC offers the following degrees:

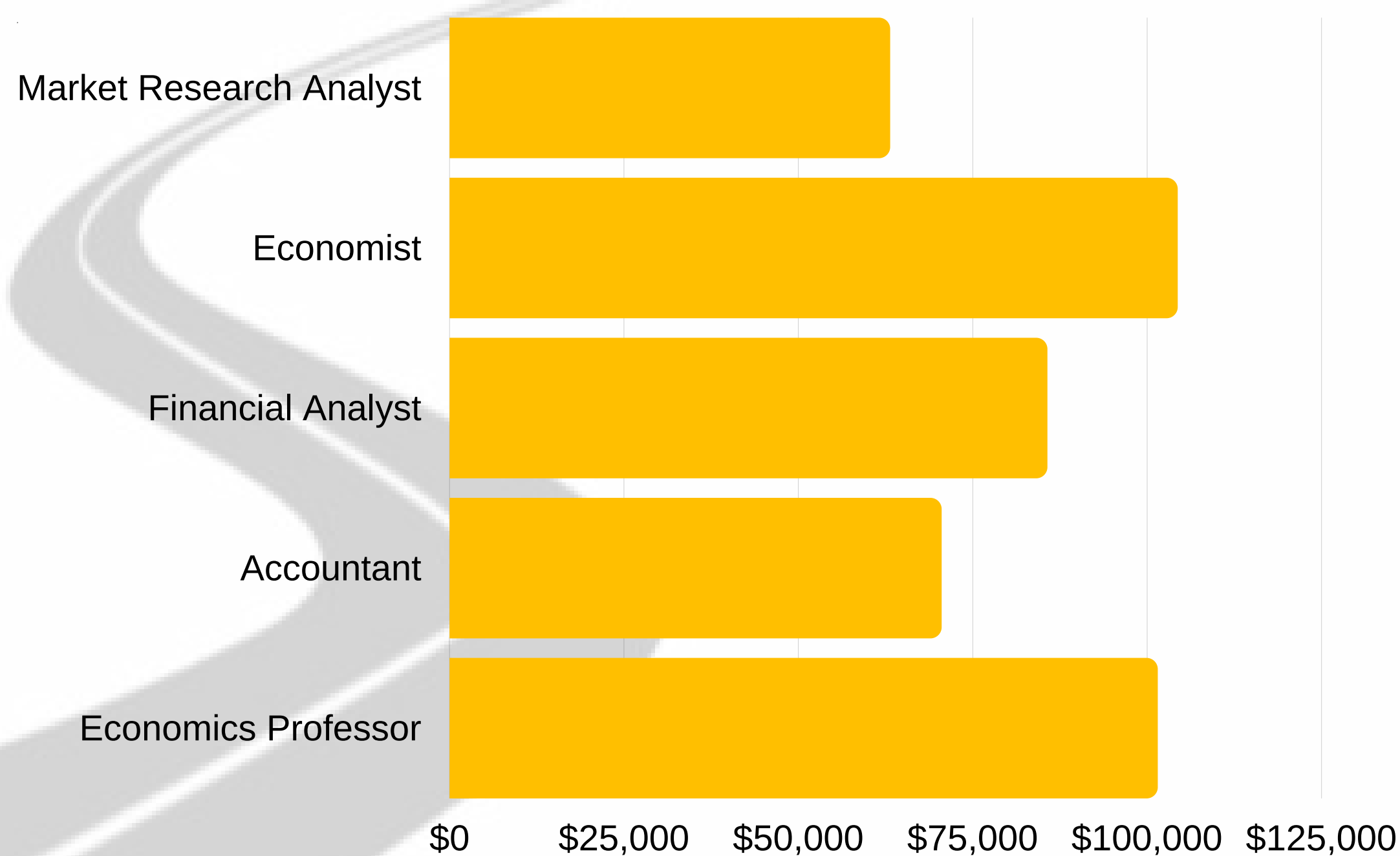
- **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) in Economics:**
 - Designed to prepare students for a seamless transfer into the CSU system to complete a baccalaureate degree in Economics or a similar major
- **Associate of Arts (AA) in Economics:**
 - Closely mirrors lower division major preparation requirements for economics and business majors at various CSU's

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- **Chico State:** Economics
- **CSU East Bay:** Economics, Business Economics
- **CSU Fullerton:** Economics, Business Administration - Business and Economics Analytics
- **CSU Long Beach:** Economics, Economics - Mathematical Economics and Economic Theory
- **CSU Los Angeles:** Economics, Applied Economics, Business Economics
- **CSU Northridge:** Economics
- **Cal Poly Pomona:** Economics, Quantitative Economics
- **UC Berkeley:** Environmental Economics and Policy
- **UC Los Angeles:** Business Economics
- **UC Santa Barbara:** Economics, Economics and Accounting



EARNINGS*



*Earnings can vary by occupation and experience. The following are median wages as of 2018 in California based on CaliforniaCareerZone.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- www.lavc.edu/transfer
- www.lavc.edu/Philosophy-Economics-Department/Philosophy-Economics.aspx
- www.lavc.edu/transfer/majors/default.html
- www.assist.org
- www.eureka.org
- www.cacareerzone.org
- www.onetonline.org
- <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
- https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Market research analyst
- Economist
- Economic consultant
- Compensation and benefits Manager
- Actuary
- Credit analyst
- Financial analyst
- Accountant
- Economics professor
- Economics teacher



POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Banks
- Consulting firms
- Business services centers
- Private businesses
- Government agencies
- Corporate firms
- Colleges, and universities

This general information is provided by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center. For specific information about majors and careers please make an appointment to see a counselor either online, in person at the Counseling Department (Student Services Annex) or by phone at (818) 947-2474.