

Economics Accounting Suggested Plan of Study - CPA

Welcome to UC Santa Barbara!

As an Economics & Accounting major pursuing the Certified Public Accountant certification, you have specific requirements that you need to achieve by the time you begin full-time employment. The earlier you can start to fulfill these requirements, the easier your recruitment and licensing process should be.

This sheet provides a sample schedule to help guide you through the next 4 years.

Visit Career Connection (North Hall 2119) or the econ.ucsb.edu website for more information.

Please note: this sheet is only a *suggested* schedule, and should be modified to fit your academic needs
(*Italicized bullet points are suggestions to help you complete CPA requirements.*)

	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Fall</u>
First Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 1 • MATH 3A/34A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Explore new interests and become involved in campus activities ✓ Subscribe to Department Listserv: https://econ.ucsb.edu/undergraduate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 3B • PSTAT 109 • <i>(General Ethics course)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Join the Undergraduate Accounting Society ✓ Attend a CPA info session ✓ Have your resume reviewed by Career Connection ✓ Make a profile on UCSB's Handshake
	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Winter</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 2 • MATH 3B/34B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue to get involved and build your resume ✓ Subscribe to Career Connection Blog: https://ucsbecon.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 10A • <i>(General Ethics course)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Attend Summer Leadership (SLP) recruitment events ✓ Check Handshake & Career Connection Blog for SLP deadlines
	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Spring</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 3A • <i>(General Ethics course)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Connect with Career Connection at UCSB on LinkedIn ✓ Like UCSB's Department of Economics on Facebook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 100B • ECON 136A • ECON 137A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go to Career Connection for CPA Check ✓ Begin Strategic Business Program courses to complete Account. Ethics 	
<u>Summer</u>	<u>Summer</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Volunteer or work – start building your resume ✓ Take classes to complete major requirements early ✓ Buy a suit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(Plan to take Account. Ethics SBP next year)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Volunteer or work – continue building your resume ✓ Update Handshake profile & resume ✓ Clean your suit 	
		Second Year

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Third Year	<u>Fall</u>	Fourth Year	<u>Fall</u>
	<u>Winter</u>		<u>Winter</u>
	<u>Spring</u>		<u>Spring</u>
	<u>Summer</u>		<u>Summer</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 136B • ECON 140A • <i>(increase quarter units to 16 if needed)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have your resume reviewed by Career Connection ✓ Update your Handshake profile & review application deadlines ✓ Attend Meet the Firms - you are eligible for summer internships 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRIT 105/107/109 • ECON 101 • ECON Area I/E <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go to Career Connection for CPA Check ✓ Update your Handshake profile & review application deadlines ✓ Attend Meet the Firms - you are eligible for full-time position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 136C • <i>(Business-related course)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue to look for summer internships on Handshake and through Career Connection Blog 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON Area I/E • <i>(Additional accounting course)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go to Career Connection for CPA Check ✓ If you do not have a full-time offer yet, sign up for alerts from Handshake. Many firms hire throughout the year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 118 • ECON 134A • <i>(Business-related course)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go to Career Connection for CPA check ✓ You can enroll in ECON 193 for one unit of internship credit that will count towards CPA requirements 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON Area I/E • <i>(Additional accounting course)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Go to Career Connection for CPA final check ✓ Enroll in the Extension Professional CPA Prep Program for 24 units over the summer (if needed) ✓ Request transcripts to send to the CBA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(Take Account. Ethics online if needed)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete your internship ✓ If you do not have an internship, try to gain some sort of relevant work experience by working or volunteering ✓ Update your resume 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(Enroll in community college classes to finish CPA requirements if needed)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Once you've been cleared by the CBA, you can sign up for exams. Most students can take the first exam in August.

The Career Connection office is here to help you throughout your undergraduate career. In cooperation with the Economics Undergraduate Advising office, we can help you map out a plan to meet both major, graduation, and CPA educational requirements. While this sheet is meant to be helpful, it is only a *suggested* plan of study, and will change from person to person.

For more information about the CPA at UCSB, visit our websites or office below.