

Economics Suggested Plan of Study - Econ PhD/Masters (Transfers)

Welcome to UC Santa Barbara!

As an Economics major at UC Santa Barbara, you have certain educational requirements that you must meet before graduating. However, you also have the freedom to explore classes that interest you and may prepare you for different career paths. Career Connection is here to help guide you through your time at UCSB to prepare you to apply for graduate school in Economics.

Completing the checklist below *before* you get to UCSB will allow you more time to focus on your classes.

- ✓ Subscribe to **Department Listserv**: <https://econ.ucsb.edu/undergraduate>
- ✓ Subscribe to **Career Connection Blog**: <https://ucsbecon.com/>
- ✓ Connect with **Career Connection at UCSB** on LinkedIn
- ✓ Like **UCSB's Department of Economics** on Facebook
- ✓ Create a resume & cover letter (and get it reviewed by Career Connection *before* fall if possible)
- ✓ Make a profile on Handshake & review application deadlines
- ✓ View "A Guide for UCSB Undergraduates Considering a PhD in Economics" at <https://econ.ucsb.edu/CareerConnection/graduate-school>

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 graduate admissions requirements.

While this sheet is meant to be helpful, it is only a suggested plan of study, and many students wait to apply to graduate school after working or taking a gap year. Each student's path will vary.

Each graduate program will ask for different prerequisite requirements, and we understand that, as a Transfer student, it can be difficult to fit supplemental coursework into your schedule. Below is a list of suggested courses that will help you be most competitive as a graduate student applicant, and we recommend you complete as many as you can before applying.

Minimum Suggested Coursework for PhD: **MATH 4A-B • MATH 6A-B • MATH 8**
Most master's programs require up to vector calculus.

Additional Suggested Coursework:
MATH 117 • 118A • PSTAT 120A-C • PSTAT 160A-B • PSTAT 174 • CMPSC 8

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

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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 graduate school prerequisites*)

First Year at UCSB	<u>Fall</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 10A • PSTAT 109/120A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete "Change of Major" paperwork ✓ Begin to develop professional relationships with professors ✓ Attend Fall Career Fair ✓ Apply for Federal Reserve/research assistant internships 	Second Year at UCSB	<u>Fall</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 101 • ECON Area D Elective • <i>MATH 8</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Update your Handshake profile ✓ Apply for research positions with a professor ✓ Attend Fall Career Fair if you are looking for a full-time position ✓ Apply to graduate programs - most PhD deadlines are at the end of December
	<u>Winter</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 100B • WRIT 105/107/109 • <i>MATH 4A</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue to look for summer internships on Handshake and through Career Connection Blog 		<u>Winter</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON Area D Elective (<i>ECON 140B</i>) • ECON Area D Elective • ECON Area D/E Elective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Apply to graduate programs - most master's program deadlines are in the winter ✓ Sign up for job alerts on Handshake if you are still looking for a full-time position
	<u>Spring</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 140A • ECON Area D • <i>MATH 4B</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prep for your internship by reviewing the company's mission and your job description ✓ Consider doing research over the summer ✓ Begin GRE preparations 		<u>Spring</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON Area D/E Elective (<i>ECON 171</i>) • ECON Area D/E Elective • <i>MATH 117 or PSTAT 120B</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Attend Spring Career Fair if you are still looking for a full-time position ✓ Fill out the Economics Department Senior Survey ✓ Enjoy your last quarter!
	<u>Summer</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MATH 6A-B</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete your internship or research ✓ Study for and take the GRE (your scores are valid for 5 years) ✓ Learn a programming language ✓ Update your resume/CV ✓ Finalize your list of graduate schools that you would like to apply to 		<u>Summer</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Update your LinkedIn profile and connect with Career Connection at UCSB ✓ Review concepts for first year of graduate school