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. Below is a sample schedule to help guide you through your time at UCSB in order to prepare yourself to apply for graduate school in Economics.

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 graduate school prerequisites)

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<th>First Year</th>
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<td><strong>Fall</strong></td>
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<td>- MATH 2A/3A/34A</td>
<td>- PSTAT 109/120A</td>
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<td>✓ Explore new interests and become involved in campus activities</td>
<td>✓ Join a student organization or club like the Economics Club or the Data Science Club</td>
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<td>✓ Subscribe to Department Listserv: <a href="https://econ.ucsb.edu/undergraduate">https://econ.ucsb.edu/undergraduate</a></td>
<td>✓ Make a profile on UCSB’s Handshake</td>
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<td><strong>Winter</strong></td>
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<td>- ECON 1</td>
<td>- ECON 10A</td>
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<td>- MATH 2B/3B/34B</td>
<td>- ECON 96 (if qualified and took 10A in Fall)</td>
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<td>✓ Continue to get involved and build your resume</td>
<td>✓ Go to Econ Graduate Student Panel</td>
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<td>✓ Subscribe to Career Connection Blog: <a href="https://ucsbecon.com/">https://ucsbecon.com/</a></td>
<td>✓ Fill out paperwork to declare major</td>
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<td>- ECON 2</td>
<td>- ECON 100B</td>
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<td>- MATH 4A</td>
<td>- MATH 6A</td>
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<td>✓ Connect with Career Connection at UCSB on LinkedIn</td>
<td>✓ ECON 96 (if qualified)</td>
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<td>✓ Like UCSB’s Department of Economics on Facebook</td>
<td>✓ Begin to build relationships with professors: you need 3 letters of recommendation for graduate school applications</td>
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<td><strong>Summer</strong></td>
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<td>✓ Volunteer or work – start building your resume</td>
<td>✓ Review Federal Reserve internship deadlines</td>
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<td>✓ Take classes to complete major requirements or additional graduate school prerequisites (not necessary)</td>
<td>✓ Reach out to professors to discuss graduate school options</td>
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### Economics Suggested Plan of Study - Econ PhD/Masters

#### Third Year

**Fall**
- ECON 140A
- MATH 6B

- Most on-campus research position applications are available in Fall
- Continue to develop professional relationships with professors
- Apply for Federal Reserve/research assistant internships
- Attend Fall Career Fair

**Winter**
- ECON Area D Elective (ECON 140B)
- WRIT 105/107/109
- MATH 8
- ECON 194S (if qualified)

- Continue to look for research-related internships on Handshake and through Career Connection Blog

**Spring**
- ECON 101
- ECON Area D/E Elective
- MATH 117

- Prep for your internship by reviewing the company's mission
- Consider doing research over the summer
- Begin GRE preparations

**Summer**
- Complete your internship or research
- Study for and take the GRE
- Update your resume/CV
- Finalize your list of graduate schools that you would like to apply to
- Learn a programming language

#### Fourth Year

**Fall**
- ECON Area D Elective (ECON 171)
- ECON Area D/E Elective (ECON 196A, if qualified)
- PSTAT 120B

- Update your Handshake profile
- 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

**Winter**
- ECON Area D Elective
- ECON Area D/E Elective (ECON 196B, if qualified)
- PSTAT 120C

- Apply to graduate programs - most master's program deadlines are in the winter

**Spring**
- ECON Area D
- CMPSC 8

- Attend Spring Career Fair if you are still looking for a full-time position
- Fill out the Econ Dept Senior Survey
- Enjoy your last quarter!

**Summer**
- Update your LinkedIn profile and connect with Career Connection at UCSB
- Review concepts for first year of graduate school

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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.

For more information about Economics at UC Santa Barbara, visit our websites or office below.

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