

# Economics Suggested Plan of Study - Econ PhD/Masters

## 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](http://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*)

<b>First Year</b>	<u>Fall</u>	<b>Second Year</b>	<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"> <li>• MATH 2A/3A/34A</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Explore new interests and become involved in campus activities</li> <li>✓ Subscribe to <b>Department Listserv</b>: <a href="https://econ.ucsb.edu/undergraduate">https://econ.ucsb.edu/undergraduate</a></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSTAT 109/120A</li> <li>• <i>MATH 4B</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Join a student organization or club like the Economics Club or the Data Science Club</li> <li>✓ Make a profile on UCSB's Handshake</li> <li>✓ Go to an Econ Graduate School Info Session</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECON 1</li> <li>• MATH 2B/3B/34B</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continue to get involved and build your resume</li> <li>✓ Subscribe to <b>Career Connection Blog</b>: <a href="https://ucsbecon.com/">https://ucsbecon.com/</a></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECON 10A</li> <li>• <i>ECON 96 (if qualified and took 10A in Fall)</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Go to Econ Graduate Student Panel</li> <li>✓ Fill out paperwork to declare major</li> <li>✓ Check Handshake &amp; Career Connection Blog for internship opportunities</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECON 2</li> <li>• <i>MATH 4A</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Connect with <b>Career Connection at UCSB</b> on LinkedIn</li> <li>✓ Like <b>UCSB's Department of Economics</b> on Facebook</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECON 100B</li> <li>• <i>MATH 6A</i></li> <li>• <i>ECON 96 (if qualified)</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Begin to build relationships with professors: you need 3 letters of recommendation for graduate school applications</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Volunteer or work – start building your resume</li> <li>✓ Take classes to complete major requirements or additional graduate school prerequisites (not necessary)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Review Federal Reserve internship deadlines</li> <li>✓ Reach out to professors to discuss graduate school options</li> <li>✓ Volunteer or work to build your resume</li> <li>✓ Update resume/CV</li> </ul>

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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>

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.