

**UC Santa Barbara Department of Economics**  
**Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (Ph.D.) Graduate Degree Program**  
**Academic Year 2025-2026**

**Requirements and Course Descriptions**

Before registering for classes for the Fall 2025 quarter, you should first complete the online Statement of Legal Residency as instructed in your admissions offer letter. Please then make sure to visit the Office of the Registrar's webpage that has information for new students. This website is found at: <http://registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/Welcome/>.

Prior to registration you should receive an email from the Registrar's office concerning your registration appointment time. Registration appointments are referred to as "Passes," or "Pass Times," and are used to register for classes on GOLD (Gauchos On-Line Data). As a new student you will receive appointments for Pass Two and Three only (Pass One is reserved for continuing students).

The Ph.D. program usually requires five years to complete. The program focuses on students beginning active research early in their career.

**The courses you will be required to register for your first year are listed below:**

**Fall 2025**

- Economics 204A: "Macroeconomic Theory"
- Economics 210A: "Theory of Consumption and Production"
- Economics 241A: "Econometrics"
- Economics 297: "Seminar in Teaching Economics"
  - *This is a "How to be a TA" course, as part of being trained as a UCSB Teaching Assistant. It is required by all new grads whether you are TAing or not.*

**Winter 2026**

- Economics 204B: "Macroeconomic Theory"
- Economics 210B: "Introduction to Game Theory"
- Economics 241B: "Econometrics"

**Spring 2026**

- Economics 204C: "Macroeconomic Theory"
- Economics 210C: "Markets and Incentives"
- Economics 241C: "Econometrics"