

## New Graduate Students Admitted for Fall 2017:

June 9, 2017

Congratulations on your admission to the University! I'm writing to welcome you to the department and to tell you a few things you should know before you arrive in Davis.

The Economics Department is located in the Social Sciences & Humanities Building (east of the UCD Bookstore).

Please come by the department before the quarter begins, to meet me and introduce yourself. My office is room 2210.

I will not be assigning you to an advisor until a few weeks after the fall quarter begins. Advisors will be available after the quarter begins, during their office hours (office hours are not scheduled until after the quarter begins). If you need to consult an advisor before that, please contact me for assistance.

The **Graduate Handbook** on the web provides detailed information about the graduate program requirements, **but be sure to see the important note below, before you refer to it.** You can find it through the UC Davis Economics Dept. Homepage <http://www.econ.ucdavis.edu/> Select "Graduate", then click on "Current Students", then click on "Graduate Handbook", then click on "Current Graduate Handbook".

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Graduate Handbook on the web has **not yet been updated** for 2017-18 and the information in it about the first year is **not correct** for new students entering Fall 2017.

Fall Quarter 2017, all new students (including also those with a first year teaching assistantship) should take the Econ 200D Macroeconomics Class instead of "an elective" class, along with Econ 200A and Econ 239.

Winter Quarter 2018, students should take Econ 200B, 200E and 240A.

Spring Quarter 2018, students should take Econ 200C, 200F and 240B.

The Economics Department has also proposed two changes to preliminary examinations which are pending approval by a campus council, including:

Adding an Econometrics Prelim Exam (based on Econ 239, 240A and 240B) and changing prelim grading to one of two options:

- a) Earning a "pass at the PhD level" on one of the three exams and a grade of "pass at the MA level" on the other two exams or
- b) Earning a grade of "pass at the PhD level" on two exams and earning a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 in the third core sequence, with at least a B- in each course in the sequence.

If you have questions, please email Prof. Muehlegger ([emuehlegger@ucdavis.edu](mailto:emuehlegger@ucdavis.edu)). Once the formal approval is received, we will update the Graduate Handbook online.

Also, on the web there will eventually be a **Fall 2017 class schedule**. From the Econ. Dept. Homepage, <http://www.econ.ucdavis.edu/>

(Click on “courses” and see if Fall 2017 courses are listed there yet. You should check this schedule on the web again occasionally after you arrive here, because changes are sometimes made in course rooms and times even up to the beginning of the quarter. If Fall 2017 courses are not listed there yet, you can instead see the Registrar’s Office “course search tool” at <https://registrar.ucdavis.edu/courses/search/index.cfm>

You can find a **list of Economics course descriptions per course number** at <http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/programs/ECN/ECNcourses.html>

Also, on the web, you can view the **UC Davis General Catalog** at <http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/UCDWebCatalog/>

**The standard courses that entering Ph.D. students take during fall quarter are: Econ. 239, Econ. 200A, and Econ. 200D.**

Also, all new students are required to enroll in **Econ. 397** Fall Quarter ( it’s only offered fall quarters). This is the Economics Department Teaching Assistant Workshop, required of all new students, even those who do not yet have a Teaching Assistantship, so that all students will get this training.

**Econ. 239 will be on TR 1:40 – 3:50 p.m.**

**Econ. 200A will be on MW 10:00 – 11:50 a.m.**

**Econ. 200D will be on TR 10:00 – 11:50 a.m.**

**Econ. 397 ( days / times to be arranged later, to best fit everyone’s schedule)**

**All full-time registered graduate students must enroll in 12 units per quarter.** Students who enroll in fewer than 12 units could lose their university employment or financial support.

See this Registrar Office web site <http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/registration/index.cfm> for information about registration (how, where and when to enroll in courses and pay fees) and other important information.

Also, from the above registration web site, click on **Class Search Tool**.

**If you are a new international student and are not sure yet if you will be able to get a visa in time to come to Davis this Fall, you should wait to enroll in classes and wait to pay fees until after you are sure about the visa.**

**If you will be a Teaching Assistant Fall 2017,** Please enroll in your Fall 2017 classes **EARLY**, by **June 15**, if possible.

*(Note: Fall Registration will be **closed from September 15 – September 20, 2017**).*

If you will **NOT** be a Teaching Assistant Fall 2017, Enroll in your Fall 2017 courses by: **4:00 p.m. September 14**

Also, see this web site of information for newly admitted graduate students:  
<https://grad.ucdavis.edu/current-students/newly-admitted-students>

Please keep me informed of your most current email address, home address and phone number both before and after you move to Davis, so I can reach you if anything urgent comes up.

I will set up a department mailbox for you, in room 1111, before the Math Camp begins. At first, it will be in the form of a file folder with your name on it, in a cabinet near the back of the room. *Your department mailbox is only for mail related to your graduate education or research, not for personal mail. Personal mail should be sent only to your home address (or a P.O. Box address, if you don't want to use your home address).* Please remember to check both your mailbox and email frequently because those are the department's main ways to communicate to you. You should also look at the graduate student bulletin board occasionally, to see posted notices.

Early in the Fall Quarter, the Economics Department will have a welcoming reception for new graduate students. It's our way to welcome you and introduce you to other graduate students, faculty and staff. I hope you'll plan to attend.

Significant dates you might find useful (see also next page, below):

**“MATH CAMP” (Lectures in Mathematical Methods) 2017:**

**Math Camp will begin:**

**Wed., September 6** and will meet MWF 10 a.m. – 12 Noon, with afternoon sessions also. A more complete schedule of Math Camp will be provided separately.

Fee payment: Grad Students need to pay Fall 2017 fees **by November 16**

**UC Davis Photo I.D. card** – New Graduate students: the AggieCard Photo Upload Tool is open for the Fall 2017 term. See these Web sites:

<http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/records/aggiecard.cfm>

<http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/records/aggiecard-photo-submit/index.cfm>

Fall Quarter Begins – Monday, September 25

Instruction Begins – Wed., September 27

Grad. Student Reception – Wednesday, Sept. 20, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Last Day to Drop courses by SISweb. – Tues., Oct.10

Last Day to Add courses by SISweb – Thurs., Oct. 12

Instruction Ends - Fri., December 8

Final Exams - Mon. - Fri., December 11-15

Quarter Ends - Fri., December 15

Holidays will be: Nov. 10, Nov. 23 & 24, Dec. 22 & 25, Dec. 29, 2017 and Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 26-29 (Spring Break), Mar. 30, May 28, 2018

If you have questions or concerns about anything, just let me know. I can be reached at (530) 752-0743 or by e-mail: [mldexter@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mldexter@ucdavis.edu) except during times noted below:

July 21 - Aug. 4, I will be away on vacation, returning on Monday, Aug. 7.

Again, I welcome you to the department and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Dexter  
Graduate Program Coordinator