

Economics Department
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE FOR PLANNING AN ECONOMICS MAJOR

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The Economics major requires a total of 61 to 64 units, which consists of:

Lower Division (17-20 units):

- Economics 1A: Principles of Microeconomics
- Economics 1B: Principles of Macroeconomics
- Statistics 13: Elementary Statistics
- Mathematics 16A/17A/21A: Calculus
- Mathematics 16B/17B/21B: Calculus

Upper Division (44 units):

- Intermediate Micro and Macro Theory courses (ECN 100A, 100B and 101)
- Analysis of Economic Data (ECN 102)
- One Economics History course (ECN 110A, 110B, 111A or 111B)
- Three Advanced Economics courses (after completing ECN 100A, 100B and 101)
- Three Elective Economics courses (choice of Advanced, Elective, or History courses)

Students must also complete requirements for the University and College in addition to the major and should consult:

- The College of Letters and Science (<http://advising.ucdavis.edu/>)
- The *General Catalog* (<http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/UCDWebCatalog/>)
- The *Economics Department Student Handbook* (<http://www.econ.ucdavis.edu/undergrad-program/undergraduate-handbook-1>)

Notes:

Lower Division = courses numbered 1 to 99

Upper Division = courses numbered 100 to 199

Recommendations for course planning:

- *We strongly advise against taking ECN 100A, 100B, 101, or 102 during the same quarter*
- **Reduced course load in Fall (12-14 units recommended)**
It is advisable for students to take a slightly reduced course load during the student's first quarter at UCD, about 12-14 units, while adjusting to *a new campus, the quarter system, and other changes*. Students need to average 15 units per quarter in order to complete all requirements in four years (180 units total). In planning course loads after the first quarter, students should also consider outside responsibilities and commitments.
- **Minimum Progress Requirement**
Please note the College of Letters and Science has a minimum progress requirement which states students must complete 39 units at the end of 3 quarters to be in good academic standing. <http://advising.ucdavis.edu/>
- **Start Math first!**
The Economics Department recommends students begin their mathematics series, foreign language and English requirement as soon as possible. If a student is considering graduate study in Economics, MAT 21A, 21B, 21C and 22A are strongly recommended. Students could begin either Economics 1A or 1B in the following quarters.
- **Do not take more than two ECN courses at a time!**
The Economics Department does not recommend taking more than 2 Economics courses at a time.
- **Check for Prereqs!**
All prerequisites need to be completed before enrolling in an Economics course, otherwise, you run the chance of being dropped from the course by the instructor. These are listed in the course descriptions in the course catalog.
<http://catalog.ucdavis.edu/>
- **Take advantage of free ECN tutoring**
The Economics Department offers free peer tutoring in core classes, including ECN 1A, 1B, 100A, 100B, and 101, in addition to select advanced courses. Contact the East Asian Studies, Economics, and History Advising Center at the beginning of the quarter for a list of courses that offer free tutoring.

The attached "Sample 4-Year Academic Plan" is simply a suggestion but there are many variations. This packet also includes a sample for students needing University Writing Program (UWP) 22, 23 (formerly Linguistics [LIN] 22 and 23) or Workload 57.