



uci economists ask *questions* like:

- ✓ What factors influence market booms and busts?
- ✓ In tough economic times, what best sustains a local economy: corporate employers or small businesses?
- ✓ Does innovation in the uranium enrichment process put us at greater risk for nuclear proliferation?
- ✓ Will airline mergers lead to higher airfares?

their *findings* impact our day to day quality of life

the degrees

Economics is about making decisions. It is the study of how individuals, businesses and governments choose to allocate scarce resources to satisfy alternative goals. As a social science, it also analyzes the interactions among these decision-makers through various institutions such as markets or corporations. Economists consider how well the outcomes of these interactions meet people's desires, and how public policy might improve those outcomes.

The department offers three majors as well as an international specialization:

- economics**: most flexible program, allows students to pursue individual interests within the study of economics
- business economics**: allows students to delve into areas of particular relevance to business such as forecasting, portfolio selection, industrial organization (the study of markets and competition) and corporate finance; grounded in rigorous logic and integrative perspective of economics
- quantitative economics**: highly quantitative course of study, useful for students who wish to pursue doctoral-level studies in economics, but also for students who wish to enter some of the most prestigious graduate programs in business and public policy

careers

Econ majors develop analytical skills, quantitative tools and clarity of thought that are useful in all occupations. The degree provides excellent preparation for graduate study in law, business, public policy and social sciences.

suggested curriculum business economics

Freshman¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)
Lower Division Writing (two courses)
Economics 20A–B
Mathematics 2A–B, 4
Social Sciences Introductory (one course)
Economics 25
General Education II or IV (three courses)
General Education VI²

Sophomore (16 units per quarter)
Social Sciences Introductory (one course)
Economics 100A–B–C
Economics 15A–B–122A
Social Science 3A
General Education II or IV (three courses)
General Education VII (one course)
Lower Division Economics electives

Junior (16 units per quarter)
Economics 122B
Upper Division Economics (four courses)
(two in Mgmt and two in Business)
Upper Division Writing (one course)
General Education VIII
Electives

Senior (16 units per quarter)
Upper Division Economics (three courses)
Electives

suggested curriculum quantitative economics

Freshman¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)
Lower Division Writing (two courses)
Economics 20A–B
Mathematics 2A–B, 3A (or 6G), 4
Social Sciences Introductory (one course)
General Education II or IV (three courses)
General Education VI²

Sophomore (16 units per quarter)
Economics 105A–B–C
Statistics 120A–B–C
Social Science 3A
General Education II or IV (three courses)
General Education VII (one course)

Junior (16 units per quarter)
Economics 123A–B
Upper Division Economics (four courses;
two in Quantitative Economics)
Upper Division Economics Writing (one course)
General Education VIII
Electives

Senior (16 units per quarter)
Upper Division Economics (three courses)
Electives

¹Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load in the second quarter of their first year.
²Language may be satisfied in high school prior to matriculation.

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Mathematics 2A–B, 4
Social Sciences Introductory (two courses)
General Education II or IV (three courses)
General Education VI²

Sophomore (16 units per quarter)
Economics 100A–B–C
Economics 15A–B–122A
Social Science 3A
General Education II or IV (three courses)
General Education VII (one course)
Lower Division Economics electives

Junior (16 units per quarter)
Upper Division Economics (four courses)
Upper Division Economics Writing (one course)
General Education VIII
Electives

Senior (16 units per quarter)
Upper Division Economics (three courses)
Electives

opportunities

honors program

Honors students take a two-quarter sequence in which they learn to think, write and report results like an economist. The courses emphasize creative thinking, independent analysis, problem solving, writing and communications. Working with faculty and using statistics and econometrics, students are able to pursue independent research projects.

undergrad student affairs

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs Office provides numerous services and special programs for undergraduate students including course planning, change of major requests, financial aid appeals, course substitutions, and information concerning honors, graduate and professional school, and careers and internships. Visit the Undergraduate Student Affairs Office online at undergraduatestudies.ss.uci.edu/ugs_usa or call 949.824.6803 today to set up an appointment.

academic resource center

A great starting point for information about academic-related endeavors is the School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) where students may obtain information about internships, graduate school and prospective careers in a number of social sciences-related fields. Visit the Academic Resource Center online at www.socsci.uci.edu/ssarc or call 949.824.8322 today to set up an appointment.

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