**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ**  
**NEW STUDENT MAJOR ADVISING SUMMARY FOR 2016-2017 FROSH**

Students are admitted to UCSC with a "proposed major" in most cases, and later petition to officially declare the major. Admission to UCSC does not guarantee acceptance into a particular major. Students must be declared in a major by the end of the second year (or equivalent), so learning about and preparing for a major is a primary goal for first-year students.

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<th>Major: ECONOMICS</th>
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<td>Importance of an early start: This is a course-intensive program, and students who intend to pursue this major must begin taking classes for the major sometime in their first year.</td>
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<td>Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major: Students with a combined grade-point average of 2.8 or better in ECON 1, 2, and the first calculus course qualify for the economics major. Students receiving a grade of NP, D, or F in one of the courses required for admission to the major may only declare once they have passed the same or equivalent course with a grade of C or better. Students who receive two grades of NP, C-, D, or F in the required courses are not eligible to declare the major.</td>
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**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**

- Determine your Math Placement by completing an assessment in ALEKS before July 17 at [http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-assessment-guidelines.html](http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-assessment-guidelines.html). If you completed a college-level math course, or scored 3 or better on an AP or IB calculus exam, you may be able to use that for placement instead of the ALEKS assessment.
- Students who have taken college-level classes that apply to major requirements should submit an unofficial transcript to the department by July 1, in addition to the official transcript required by UCSC Admissions. See [http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-course-credit.html](http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-course-credit.html) for information on placement based on college courses, and [http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-test-credit.html](http://undergrad.pbsci.ucsc.edu/enrollment/math/math-placement/mp-test-credit.html) for information on placement based on AP exams.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**

- MATH 2 or 3, or AMS 11A (depending on placement)
- We advise students to wait until winter or spring to take ECON 1 or 2, since it is crucial they do well in these classes, in addition to their first quarter of calculus (Econ/AMS 11A) for admittance into the major. **Because the grade in calculus is included in the qualification to the major, students should be sure they are well prepared to take this course.**

**Sample first year plan:**

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<th>Fall: MATH 3: Precalculus</th>
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<td>Spring: ECON 2: Introduction to Macroeconomics and ECON/AMS 11B: Math Methods for Economists II</td>
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**Skills important for success in this major:** Critical reading and thinking skills, skills in mathematics and formal reasoning, deductive thinking.

**Other information:** ECON 100A/M, 100B/N and 113 are much more difficult than ECON 1 & 2. Students should devise their academic plans to ensure they will not have to take more than one of ECON 100A/M, 100B/N, and 113 in the same term.

**Links to More Information:**

- [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/) (general info)
- [http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/](http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/) (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)
- [http://economics.ucsc.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/major.html](http://economics.ucsc.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/major.html) (program website)

**Questions? Contact an Adviser!**

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