

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
NEW STUDENT MAJOR ADVISING SUMMARY FOR 2018-2019 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.

Major: ECONOMICS

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| 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. |
| 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. |
| Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term... | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Determine your math placement by completing an assessment in ALEKS as soon as possible, and by July 16 at the very latest. See https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu for information about ALEKS. If you completed a college-level math course, or scored 3 or better on an AP calculus exam, or 5 or better on an IBH mathematics exam, you may be able to use that for placement instead of the ALEKS assessment. See https://mathcoach.sites.ucsc.edu/courses/course-credit/ for information on placement based on college courses or AP/IBH.❑ 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. |
| ...and should take these courses their first term: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● MATH 2 or 3, or AMS 11A (depending on placement) <p>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. <i>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.</i></p> |
| Sample first year plan: | Sample academic plans are available at: http://economics.ucsc.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/forms.html Fall: MATH 3: <i>Precalculus</i> Winter: ECON 1: <i>Introduction to Microeconomics</i> , and ECON/AMS 11A: <i>Math Methods for Economists I</i> Spring: ECON 2: <i>Introduction to Macroeconomics</i> and ECON/AMS 11B: <i>Math Methods for Economists II</i> |
| 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/ (general info) http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/ (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.) https://economics.ucsc.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/majors-minor/econ.html (program website) |
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