

Recommended First Quarter Schedule

Course	Units
MAT 16A, 17A, or 21A*	3-4
Entry Level Writing Course (ELWR)^ or Lower Division College English Composition	4
Foreign Language**	5
GE Course or First Year Seminar	1-3
Total Units:	12 - 16

Alternative Courses

*Alternative MAT course may be required depending on Math Placement Exam results or transfer work	3
**Additional GE Course if Foreign Language has been met with AP/IB or exam score.	3-4
^ Students should not take GE or major courses with Writing Experience (WE) until ELWR is satisfied.	
Explore First Year Seminars: https://fys.ucdavis.edu/	

First Quarter Schedule Notes:

- Students are not recommended to take ECN 1A or 1B in their first quarter. Instead, students should focus on starting Calculus. Calculus is a foundation of the economics major.
- It is not recommended to take Math and Statistics in the same quarter.
- Students should avoid taking more than two major courses in any quarter.
- Do not enroll in upper division courses (numbered 100 or above).

Placement Exams

Required

Math: All students who register in MAT 12, 16A, 17A, or 21A are required to take the Math Placement Exam and receive a qualifying score.

Recommended

Foreign Language: All students pursuing an A.B. degree in the College of Letters and Science complete a Foreign Language through the 15-unit level (For example: through SPA 003 or above.) Please see the UC Davis Language Center website for details on course placement or proficiency exams if you have familiarity with a language other than English.

Not Required

Chemistry: The Economics major does not require the Chemistry Placement Exam. If you plan to take Chemistry courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Computer Science: The Economics major does not require Computer Science courses. If you plan to take Computer Science courses, be sure to review placement requirements prior to enrollment.

Recommended First Year Goals

- Complete the Math requirement for the Economics major. For students who are considering graduate study in Economics, Math 21A, 21B, 21C and 22A are strongly recommended.
- Complete ECN 1A and 1B in Winter and Spring quarter.
- Confirm with your advisors about how any transfer coursework or AP/IB scores will apply to your major and/or degree requirements.
- Explore a new area of interest – Economics is highly interdisciplinary!
- Read the Economics Weekly Announcements email for information on programs, internships, and course offerings.

AP/IB Exams and Major Requirements

AP/IB Exams	Score	UCD Course	Can repeat for credit at UCD?
AP Microeconomics	3, 4, 5	ECN 1A	No
AP Macroeconomics	3, 4, 5	ECN 1B	No
AP Statistics	4, 5	STA 13	Yes
AP Calculus AB	4, 5	MAT 16A, 17A, or 21A	Yes; recommended to repeat*
AP Calculus BC	4	MAT 16A, 17A, or 21A	Yes; recommended to repeat*
AP Calculus BC	5	MAT 16A/B, 17A/B, or 21A/B	Yes; recommended to repeat*
IB HL Economics	5, 6, 7	ECN 1A and 1B	No
IB HL Mathematics	6, 7	MAT 21A/B	Yes; recommended to repeat*
IB HL Mathematics	5, 6, 7	MAT 16A/B or 17A/B	Yes; recommended to repeat*

*While the Economics major accepts qualifying AP and IB scores toward the math requirement, students are encouraged to repeat calculus at UC Davis to ensure a strong foundation in math.

Please note: This chart only covers scores that yield major credit for Economics.

For the most up-to-date list of all AP and IB scores and their credit at UC Davis, please refer to the charts available on the UC Davis Admissions website. <https://www.ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/exam-requirements>