

Department of Economics Information for FRESHMEN

Detailed information on admissions requirements can be found at:

<https://www.econ.berkeley.edu/undergrad/prospective>

APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must fulfill all prerequisites and apply in **their fifth semester at Berkeley** or before accumulating 80 units (post-high school) -- whichever comes second. Failure to apply on-time will make a student ineligible for the major. Students may apply with their last prerequisite course(s) in-progress.
2. Students must have a **minimum 3.0 GPA in the prerequisite courses taken at Berkeley** to be admitted to the economics major.

PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION TO THE ECONOMICS MAJOR

- **ONE** course required of Introduction to Economics (choose one):
 - **ECON 1** or **ECON 2**
- **TWO** courses required of Calculus:
 - **MATH 1A** or **MATH 16A** and
 - **MATH 1B** or **MATH 16B**
- **ONE** course required of Introduction to Statistics (choose one):
 - **STAT 20**, **STAT 21**, **STAT W21**, **STAT 88/DATA C88S**, **STAT 131A**, **STAT 135**, or **STAT/DATA C140**
- **ONE** course required of Intermediate Economic Theory or Econometrics (choose one for admission, all three are required to graduate):
 - **ECON 100A** or **ECON 101A***
 - **ECON 100B** or **ECON 101B****
 - **ECON 140** or **ECON 141**

Quantitative Residency Requirement

At least one prerequisite in math or statistics must be completed at UC Berkeley.

**Students who wish to take ECON 101A instead of ECON 100A must successfully complete MATH 53 first.*

** UGBA 101A cannot be used as a prerequisite for the Economics major. No exceptions.*

***Students may take UGBA 101B to fulfill the Intermediate Macroeconomic requirement.*

UPPER DIVISION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- **THREE** Core courses (recommended to complete *before* electives):
 - **ECON 100A** or **ECON 101A***
 - **ECON 100B** or **ECON 101B****
 - **ECON 140** or **ECON 141**
- **FIVE** Upper Division electives chosen from a list of approved Economics electives

SAMPLE ECONOMICS PREREQUISITE PLAN (FRESHMEN)

First Semester MATH 1A <u>or</u> 16A	Second Semester MATH 1B <u>or</u> 16B ECON 1 <u>or</u> 2
Third Semester (<i>apply for the major</i>) STAT 20/21/W21/88/131A/135/140 <u>or</u> DATA C88S/C140 (choose one) ECON 100A/101A* <u>or</u> 100B/101B**	Fourth Semester ECON 100A/101A* <u>or</u> 100B/101B** ECON 140/141

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AP/IB/A Level Exam Credit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT

<i>AP Exam</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Berkeley Credit</i>
Calculus AB (or AB subscore)	3 or higher	MATH 16A or MATH 1A – <i>satisfies only the first half of the calculus requirement</i>
Calculus BC	3 or 4	MATH 16A or MATH 1A – <i>satisfies only the first half of the calculus requirement</i>
Calculus BC	5	<i>Satisfies both MATH 1A and 1B prerequisites</i>
Microeconomics	4 or 5	<i>BOTH exams with acceptable scores are required to satisfy ECON 1 prerequisite. Students may enroll in upper division economics coursework beginning second semester of their freshman year.</i>
Macroeconomics	4 or 5	

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) CREDIT - Higher Level Only

<i>IB Exam</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Berkeley Credit</i>
Mathematics	5,6, or 7	<i>Satisfies both MATH 1A and 1B prerequisites</i>
Math: Analysis & Approaches	5, 6, or 7	<i>Satisfies MATH 1A</i>
Math: Analysis & Approaches	7	<i>Satisfied both MATH 1A and 1B prerequisites</i>
Math: Applications & Interpretations	5,6, or 7	<i>Satisfies MATH 16A</i>
Economics	5,6, or 7	<i>Satisfies ECON 1 prerequisite. Students may enroll in upper division economics coursework beginning second semester of their freshman year.</i>

GCE ADVANCED LEVEL (A LEVEL) CREDIT

<i>A Level Exam</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Berkeley Credit</i>
Mathematics	A, B, or C	<i>Satisfies both MATH 1A and 1B prerequisites</i>
Economics	A, B, or C	<i>Satisfies ECON 1 prerequisite. Students may enroll in upper division economics coursework beginning second semester of their freshman year.</i>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Location: Evans Hall 539

Economics Advisors are available for drop-in and appointment advising and can be reached at ugrad@econ.berkeley.edu. See website for more information about how to meet with an advisor.

Economics Peer Advisors are excellent resources to discuss your schedule, faculty expectations, and study tips for classes. They are available on the first day of classes throughout the semester.

Email: peers@econ.berkeley.edu.