Berkeley Economics

Golden Bear Advising for Spring 2021 Transfer Students

Economics Undergraduate Student Services
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Agenda

• Introduction to Economics Advising
• Economics Major Application & Admissions Process
• Spring 2021 Course Enrollment & Schedule Planning
• Economics Resources
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Prospective Economics majors website: https://www.econ.berkeley.edu/undergrad/prospective

Location: 539 Evans Hall (currently closed)
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Advising - Remote access

• All Economics advising services are virtual. Check out our virtual advising office to learn about all of our various services, including our virtual front desk.

• Drop-in advising done via chat through google meet. Appointments can be scheduled via CalCentral. See advising website for updated hours and additional ways to reach us virtually.

• Peer Advisors are also available at peers@econ.berkeley.edu.
Economics Major Application

“Take the courses. Meet the GPA. Apply on time. Get in the major.”

- High Demand, Admissions-Based Major
- Timeline: Transfer students MUST successfully complete prerequisites by the end of their FIRST semester.
- Prerequisite Course Completion
- GPA Requirement: 2.7 minimum

AP/IB/A Level Exam credits and transfer credits are not factored into Econ admissions GPA.
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Transfer students admitted as intended Economics do NOT need to submit an application for admission. This is automatically done by the department.

- Any transfer students admitted under a different intended major other than Economics, must submit an application by May 7, 2021. Deadlines found here.

In Mid-June - Admission decisions released via email*

*If you meet all admissions requirements, you will officially be admitted as an Economics major in mid-June!
Transfer Prerequisite Requirements

TWO courses required of Calculus:
- MATH 1A or MATH 16A &
- MATH 1B or MATH 16B

ONE course required of Introduction to Economics:
- ECON 1 or ECON 2

ONE course required of Introduction to Statistics*:
- STAT 20, STAT W21, STAT 88, STAT 131A, STAT 135, or STAT 140

ONE course required of Intermediate Economic Analysis/Economic Theory or Econometrics*:
- ECON 100A or ECON 101A
- ECON 100B or ECON 101B
- ECON 140 or ECON 141

*more information on stats and econ to follow

Completed prior to Berkeley admission

To be taken at Berkeley (Must earn 2.7 GPA)
Recommended First Semester Schedule

Take a light course load for first semester (13-16 units)

Sample Schedule

1. Econ 100A or 100B (or 101A or 101B) (4 units)
2. Statistics 20 (4 units)
3. American Cultures course (3-4 units); or
   - Alternate major course (3-4 units). Visit [guide.berkeley.edu](http://guide.berkeley.edu) to view course requirements.
4. Seminar Course (1-2 units); or
   - Democratic Education at Cal “DeCal” (1 unit). Visit [decal.berkeley.edu](http://decal.berkeley.edu) to learn more
   - ED 198 (1 unit) through Transfer Center
Preparing for Spring Enrollment

- **ECON 100A & ECON 100B**
  - All intended Econ major transfer students are enrolled by the department in either ECON 100A or ECON 100B*

  *Switching from Econ 100A to 100B (or vice versa) is not recommended, and dropping one of these courses may jeopardize your eligibility for the major. After the first semester, all Economics course enrollments will be made by the student directly.

  - Students admitted under a different intended major other than Economics, must enroll in a section of ECON 100A or ECON 100B

- **STAT requirement + additional courses**
  - Must self-enroll during designated appointment time starting November 10.
Econ Advising Recommendations: ECON 100 vs. 101

- ECON 101 courses: pre-PhD, research intensive, etc.
  - Note: must have successfully completed Math 53 (multivariable calculus) prior to Econ 101A; requires high-level understanding of quantitative analysis

- Potential challenges with changing Economics course during first semester

“Which course should I take for the Statistics requirement?”
Econ Advising
Recommendations:
Statistics

- **RECOMMENDED**
  - STAT 20: Introduction to Probability and Statistics

- **STAT 88:** Probability and Mathematical Statistics in Data Science
  (DATA 8 “connector” course required)

- **STAT W21:** Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Business
  (online summer course only)

- **STAT 131A:** Statistical Methods for Data Science

- **STAT 135:** Concepts of Statistics

- **STAT 140:** Probability for Data Science
Economics Major Requirements

- Total of EIGHT upper division Economics courses. **All economics requirements must be taken for a letter grade.**

Three Core Courses:
- Econ 100A or 101A: Microeconomic Theory
- Econ 100B or 101B: Macroeconomic Theory
- Econ 140 or 141: Econometrics

Five Upper Division Electives:
Choose from an approved list of elective courses on the Economics website.
(www.econ.berkeley.edu/undergrad/current/major-requirements)

It is your responsibility to be informed of all College and University graduation requirements. Meet with an adviser in the College of Letters & Science for more information on requirements.
Course Enrollment Starts November 10!
Check for your designated appointment time on Cal Central.
Additional Resources

- Tutoring through Economics & the SLC
- Alternate & Related Majors
- Course Equivalencies: Math, Statistics, Economics
Economics Tutoring & Resources

**Tutoring through the Economics Department**

- Led by Economics PhD students
- Currently offered remotely through zoom
- Offered for Economics core courses; ECON 100A/ 101A, ECON 100B/101B, ECON 140/141

For more information, visit econ.berkeley.edu/undergrad/home/tutoring

**Tutoring & resources through Student Learning Center (SLC)**

- Drop-in tutoring, exam review, workshops specifically for Econ courses
- Academic writing workshops
- Study skills workshops

Visit slc.berkeley.edu/econ for more information.

Both opportunities are FREE for students to pursue at any time!
Alternate Majors

Economics is a high demand, admissions-based major.

- Plan ahead for an alternate major during first semester
- Alternate major can be related to Economics or completely different
- Check major requirements for alternate majors on guide.berkeley.edu
- Commonly considered alternate majors include...
Alternate Majors

- Environmental Economics & Policy
- Political Economy
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Data Science
- American Studies
- Interdisciplinary Field Studies
- Legal Studies
- Political Science
- Sociology

*Visit individual major department sites, or [guide.berkeley.edu](http://guide.berkeley.edu), to determine eligibility, major prerequisites, etc.*
For students with transfer credits from a CA Community College, course articulations from assist.org will be used.

Students who have fulfilled the math or statistics requirement with course(s) from a different 4-year institution or non-CA community college MUST submit course equivalency requests to Berkeley’s Math and Statistics departments for approval. For approval for Economics courses, submit to the Department of Economics directly.

Math & Statistics Equivalency

- **MATH Equivalency**: Under "Course Equivalency" section
- **STAT Equivalency**: Under "Request for Evaluation of Non-UC Berkeley Course"

ECON Equivalency*

- **ECON Equivalency**: Click on "Course Equivalency Request Form"

*contact Economics advisors if have transfer credit for ECON 100A & 100B
Join us for a live Q&A Session!

The Economics advisors will be holding Q&A sessions during in the coming weeks for incoming Spring 2021 transfer students.

Sign up at least 30 minutes in advance to reserve your spot! Sessions held via zoom. See your GBA bCourses announcement for link to sign up.

- **TUESDAY, October 20:** 10:30am-11:30am (PST)
- **THURSDAY, October 29:** 4:30pm-5:30pm (PST)