## **Economics Suggested Plan of Study - Finance/Consulting**

## Welcome to UC Santa Barbara!

As an Economics major at UC Santa Barbara, you have certain educational requirements that you must meet before graduating. However, you also have the freedom to explore classes that interest you and may prepare you for different career paths. Below is a sample schedule to help guide you through your time at UCSB.

Visit Career Connection (North Hall 2119) or the econ.ucsb.edu website for more information.

Please note: this sheet is only a *suggested* schedule, and should be modified to fit your academic needs (Italicized bullet points are suggestions to help you prepare for a career in finance or consulting)

First Year	<ul> <li>Fall</li> <li>(ECON 1)</li> <li>MATH 2A/3A/34A</li> <li>✓ Explore new interests and become involved in campus activities</li> <li>✓ Subscribe to Department Listserv: <a href="https://econ.ucsb.edu/undergraduate">https://econ.ucsb.edu/undergraduate</a></li> <li>✓ Big Banks and consulting firms are recruiting for Freshmen programs</li> </ul>	Second Year	Fall  PSTAT 109/120A  Join a student organization or club like Finance Connection, the Investment Advisory Committee, FAME, or Management Consulting Group  Make a profile on UCSB's Handshake  Have your resume reviewed by Career Connection
	<ul> <li>Winter</li> <li>ECON 1</li> <li>MATH 2B/3B/34B</li> <li>✓ Continue to get involved and build your resume</li> <li>✓ Subscribe to Career Connection Blog: <a href="https://ucsbecon.com/">https://ucsbecon.com/</a></li> <li>Spring</li> <li>ECON 2</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Winter</li> <li>ECON 10A</li> <li>Investment Strategies through Extension</li> <li>✓ Go to an Economics Career Info Session</li> <li>✓ Fill out paperwork to declare major</li> <li>✓ Check Handshake &amp; Career Connection Blog for possible internship opportunities</li> <li>Spring</li> <li>ECON 100B</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>✓ Connect with Career Connection at UCSB on LinkedIn</li> <li>✓ Like UCSB's Department of Economics on Facebook</li> <li>Summer</li> <li>✓ Volunteer or work – start building your resume</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>✓ Check Handshake &amp; Career Connection Blog for internship opportunities</li> <li>✓ Review application deadlines for Big Bank and consulting internships for the following summer</li> <li>Summer</li> <li>✓ Begin to apply for internships for following summer</li> </ul>
	✓ Take classes to complete major requirements early (not necessary)		<ul><li>✓ Buy a suit</li><li>✓ Volunteer or work to build your resume</li><li>✓ Study finance and case interviews</li></ul>

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Third Year	Fall  • ECON 140A  ✓ Apply & interview for internships ✓ Update your resume from summer ✓ Update your Handshake profile & review application deadlines ✓ Attend Fall Career Fair - you are eligible for summer internships	Fourth Year	<ul> <li>Fall</li> <li>ECON Area D Elective</li> <li>ECON Area D/E Elective</li> <li>PSTAT 120B</li> <li>✓ Update your Handshake profile &amp; review application deadlines</li> <li>✓ Attend Fall Career Fair - you are eligible for full-time position</li> <li>✓ Apply &amp; interview for full-time positions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Winter</li> <li>ECON Area D Elective (ECON 140B)</li> <li>WRIT 105/107/109</li> <li>✓ Attend Finance Night for internships and networking opportunities</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Winter</li> <li>ECON Area D Elective</li> <li>ECON Area D/E Elective</li> <li>CMPSC 8</li> <li>✓ Attend Finance Night for full-time positions</li> <li>✓ Sign up for alerts from Handshake on openings</li> </ul>
Thir	<ul> <li>Spring</li> <li>ECON 101</li> <li>ECON Area D/E Elective</li> <li>✓ Prep for your internship by reviewing the company's mission and your job description</li> <li>✓ You can enroll in ECON 193 for one unit of internship credit</li> </ul>		Spring  • ECON Area D  ✓ Attend Spring Career Fair ✓ Fill out the Econ Dept Senior Survey ✓ Enjoy your last quarter!
	Summer  ✓ Complete your internship  ✓ If you do not have an internship, try to gain some sort of relevant experience by working or volunteering  ✓ Update your resume  ✓ Start applying for full-time positions		Summer  ✓ Update your LinkedIn profile and connect with Career Connection at UCSB  ✓ Prepare for relevant professional exams

The Career Connection office is here to help you throughout your undergraduate career. In cooperation with the Economics Undergraduate Advising office, we can help you map out a plan to meet both major, graduation, and professional requirements. While this sheet is meant to be helpful, it is only a *suggested* plan of study, and will change from person to person.

For more information about Economics at UC Santa Barbara, visit our websites or office below.