

Economics Major Orientation

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Introduction

- Outline:
 - ① Overview of the Department of Economics and its major degree programs
 - ② Honors Program in Economics
 - ③ Economics Learning Center
 - ④ Additional resources
- These slides are available online at:
https://www.briancjenkins.com/pdf/Fall_2022_UCI_Econ_Orientation.pdf

Facts about the Department

- 31 regular faculty members with diverse research interests.
- 2,331 undergraduate majors (as of Fall 2021).
 - ① Economics (603 majors)
 - ② Business Economics (1,470 majors)
 - ③ Quantitative Economics (258 majors)
- About 8.4% of all majors undergraduates.
- Whether you should enroll in one of our three majors and which major you should choose depends on your interests and post-UCI ambitions.

What is an Economics Major?

- From the UCI Department of Economics webpage:

Economics is the study of the allocation of scarce resources; the way that individuals, groups, governments, and businesses make choices; and the consequences of those choices for people, nations, and society.

- An economics degree (even business economics) is much more like a traditional liberal arts degree than a profession-oriented degree like business administration or accounting.

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- **Quantitative Economics:** best prepares students for careers in business and finance, for law school, for M.B.A. programs, and for graduate studies in the social sciences.
The Department strongly urges students to consider the major in Quantitative Economics.

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- More info: <http://www.economics.uci.edu/undergrad/honors.php>

- The **Economics Learning Center** (ELC) is a walk-in help center for students in Econ 20A, 20B, 100A, 100B, 100C, 15A, 15B, 122A, and 122B.
- The ELC is located in SST 165.
- For more information: <https://sites.uci.edu/econlc/>

- **UCI General Catalogue:**

<http://catalogue.uci.edu/>

- **Department of Economics homepage:**

<http://www.economics.uci.edu/>

- **Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs:**

<http://www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs.php>

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- Make an effort to build relationships with around four or five faculty on campus. Go to office hours, ask questions after class, share interesting (but relevant!) news articles with them.

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