

# Economics Major Orientation

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[https://www.briancjenkins.com/pdf/Fall\\_2021\\_UCI\\_Econ\\_Orientation.pdf](https://www.briancjenkins.com/pdf/Fall_2021_UCI_Econ_Orientation.pdf)

# Facts about the Department

- 32 regular faculty members with diverse research interests.
- 2,562 undergraduate majors (as of Fall 2020).
  - ① Economics (655 majors)
  - ② Business Economics (1,599 majors)
  - ③ Quantitative Economics (308 majors)
- About 9.2% 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.
- For the fall quarter the ELC will continue to be run remotely. If you are in one of the classes served, your instructor will provide you with a Zoom link.
- 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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