

Economics Major Orientation

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Introduction

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- These slides are available online at:
https://www.briancjenkins.com/pdf/Fall_2023_UCI_Econ_Orientation.pdf

Facts about the Department

- 32 regular faculty members with diverse research interests.
- 1,921 undergraduate majors (as of Fall 2022).
 - ① Economics (528 majors)
 - ② Business Economics (1,221 majors)
 - ③ Quantitative Economics (172 majors)
- About 6.7% 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>

- **Division of Career Pathways**

<https://career.uci.edu/>

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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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