Planning your years as an Economics Major: Essentials

1. If you have yet to take MATH 221 Calculus for Business and Economics, we recommend you take MATH 141 Calculus I instead. It will prepare you better for all your intermediate and upper division courses. If you have already taken MATH 221, don't worry about it.

2. To the extent possible, we suggest you take ECON 311 Intermediate Microeconomics I, ECON 312 Intermediate Microeconomics II and ECON 313 Macroeconomics in your Sophomore year and, at any rate, before you begin taking 400-level courses. We recommend that you do not leave any of these courses for your senior year.

3. We suggest you take ECON 339 Econometrics when you’re a junior and, at any rate, before you enroll in ECON 464 Applied Senior Project.

4. As an Economics major you do not need to choose a concentration but you can if you wish. Your default option is to follow the General Economics course of study, which allows you to tailor your ECON and non-ECON upper division coursework to your own aptitudes and interests. As an option (not a requirement!), you can declare an Economics concentration, such as Quantitative Economics, Real Estate Economics, or any of the Business concentrations.

5. We recommend you take as many 400-level ECON courses as you are able, and not just settle for the minimum required for the completion of your degree. It will dramatically enhance the quality of your senior project experience (and get you a better grade!). It will also make you a better economist all around.

6. If you’re ever confused as to what path is best for you, ask one of your Economics professors for advice. They’ll be happy to assist you in designing the course of studies that will make the most out of your years at Cal Poly.

For further information about your options as an Economics major please visit our website:
http://www.cob.calpoly.edu/undergraduate/major-curriculum/economics-major/

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Planning your years as an Economics Minor: Essentials

1. If you have yet to take MATH 221 Calculus for Business and Economics, we recommend you take MATH 141 Calculus I instead. It will prepare you better for all your intermediate and upper division courses. If you have already taken MATH 221, don’t worry about it.

2. We suggest you take ECON 311 Intermediate Microeconomics I, ECON 312 Intermediate Microeconomics II and ECON 313 Macroeconomics as early as possible and, at any rate, before you begin taking 400 level courses.

3. We recommend you take as many 300-400-level ECON courses as you are able, and not just settle for the minimum required for the completion of the minor.

4. If you’re ever confused as to what path is best for you, ask one of your Economics professors for advice. They’ll be happy to assist you in designing the Economics courses of studies most fitting with your aptitudes and interests.

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