

major in
ECONOMICS
University of California, Irvine

THE DEGREE

Economics is the study of how individuals, businesses and governments choose to allocate scarce resources to satisfy alternative goals. As a social science, it is also used to analyze the interactions among these decision-makers through various institutions such as markets or corporations. Economists consider how well the outcomes of these interactions meet people's desires, and how public policy might improve those outcomes.

Of the department's three majors, economics is the most flexible, allowing students to pursue individual interests in multiple areas. It's designed for students seeking a broader understanding of economic practices and principles.

CAREERS

Econ majors develop analytical skills, quantitative tools and clarity of thought that are useful in all occupations. The degree provides excellent preparation for graduate study in law, business, public policy and social sciences.



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**US News & World Report*

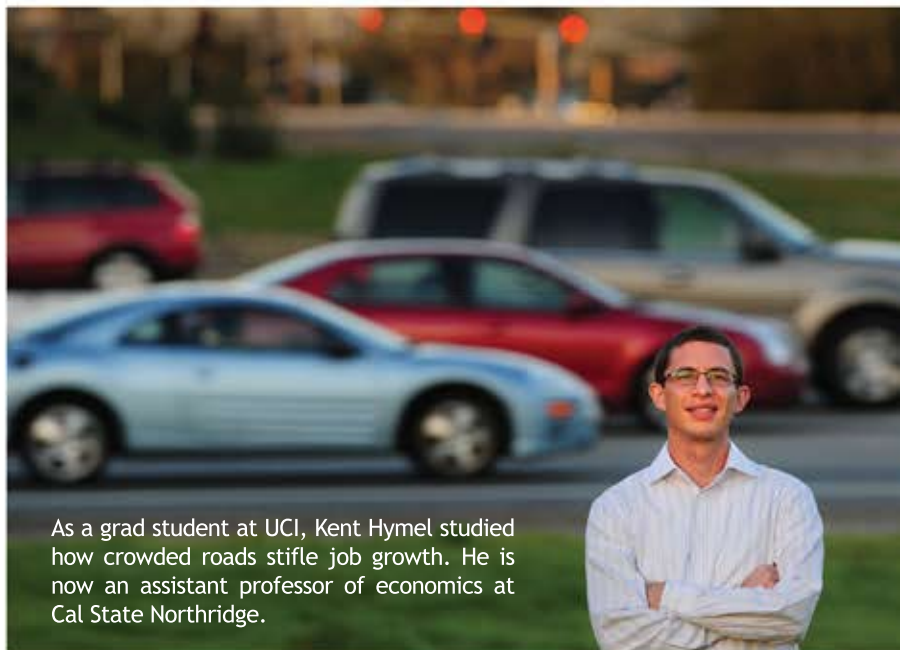


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ECONOMISTS ASK QUESTIONS LIKE ...

- What factors influence market booms and busts?
- Does innovation in the uranium enrichment process put us at greater risk for nuclear proliferation?
- How do the macroeconomic policies of the U.S. Congress and the Federal Reserve affect the U.S. economy?
- Does patent protection help innovation by promoting research and development or hurt innovation by slowing the dissemination of new ideas?



As a grad student at UCI, Kent Hymel studied how crowded roads stifle job growth. He is now an assistant professor of economics at Cal State Northridge.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Freshman¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)

- Lower Division Writing (two courses)
- Economics 20A–B
- Mathematics 2A–B, 4
- Social Sciences Introductory (two courses)
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- General Education VI²

Sophomore (16 units per quarter)

- Economics 100A–B–C
- Economics 15A–B–122A
- Social Science 3A
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- General Education VII (one course)
- Lower Division Economics electives

Junior (16 units per quarter)

- Upper Division Economics (four courses)
- Upper Division Economics Writing (one course)
- General Education VIII
- Electives

Senior (16 units per quarter)

- Upper Division Economics (three courses)
- Electives



OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the regular curriculum, economics students have their choice of programs, clubs, and organizations to further their education. These opportunities include:

- **HONORS PROGRAM**
- **UNDERGRADUATE FINANCE ASSOCIATION**
-Hosts weekly events, workshops, and information sessions that present learning and networking opportunities
- **MINOR PROGRAM***
- **ECONOMICS SOCIETY***
- **ECONOMICS LEARNING CENTER**
-Free walk-in tutoring for students enrolled in certain courses
- **GLOBAL CONNECT^**
- **DEAN'S AMBASSADORS COUNCIL^**

*Open to all students, faculty, and members of the community

^Open to all majors

UNDERGRAD STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs Office provides numerous services and special programs for undergraduate students including:

- Course planning
- Information concerning honors
- Change of major requests
- Course substitutions
- Financial aid appeals
- Career and internship guidance
- Graduate and professional school information

To set up an appointment, call 949.824.6803, or visit their website at www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) is a great starting point for information regarding internships, graduate school, and prospective careers.

Visit SSARC online at www.ssarc.socsci.uci.edu or call 949.824.8322 today to set up an appointment.

¹Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load in the second quarter of their first year.

²Language may be satisfied in high school prior to matriculation.