

## INTERESTED IN GETTING A BA/MS IN ECONOMICS IN 5 YEARS?

The Economics department offers an accelerated program called the PATHWAY PROGRAM IN APPLIED ECONOMICS AND FINANCE in which an undergraduate economics major can earn a B.A. in four years and an M.S. in Applied Economics and Finance after a fifth year of study.

### *How does it work?*

Students begin to take graduate courses in their senior year while maintaining undergraduate status, thus simultaneously earning both undergraduate and graduate credit. In the fifth year, they are officially enrolled as graduate students.

### *How do I know if I am eligible for the Pathway Program?*

Students must complete all of the *core courses* required for their specific economics major (Econ1, 2, 10A and 10B (BMEC), 11A and 11B (or their equivalents), and 100A, 100B, and 113) and are strongly advised to complete a minimum of 3 upper-division economics electives (BMEC must complete four) as well as all the general education requirements before the end of their junior year. Students are also advised to take a course in linear algebra (Math 21).

### *How do I apply?*

Applications are available in the Economics office, 401 Engineering 2. The deadline to apply is: **February 15 of your junior year.** Applicants demonstrate the ability to do graduate level work by having a strong academic record (the minimum for admission to any UC graduate program is a B or 3.0 GPA), three letters of recommendation, and strong GRE scores.

Students interested in the program should take the GRE General test at least a month prior to the deadline for applications. (Students may enter the pathway in the fall quarter only.) To register for the GRE, visit their website at <http://www.gre.org/>.

### *What do I need to do if I am interested in the program?*

1. Plan your course schedule so that you complete all the course requirements above to be eligible for the program.
2. Take the GRE exam by the end of the fall quarter of your junior year.
3. Apply by February 15 of your junior year.

### *Questions?*

Visit our website: <http://econ.ucsc.edu/> for answers to many of your questions. Contact the Graduate Programs Coordinator at 831-459-2219 or via email at [econ\\_grad\\_coor@ucsc.edu](mailto:econ_grad_coor@ucsc.edu).