

EXEC Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will there be alumni speakers from various industries? If so, am I able to keep in contact with the alumni speakers after the course has been completed?

A: Yes, you will meet alumni from various industries and be provided with either their LinkedIn or email, whichever they prefer to keep in contact with them.

Q: What have previous students said about the EXEC program?

A: Some comments from students

"Everything we covered was useful as it either related to our Econ 11 coursework and helped reinforce the topics or involved guest speakers who gave greater insight into grad school, jobs, internships, etc."

"The real strengths of this course would definitely be the convenience of essentially learning the same topic twice every week. Whatever was taught in this course related directly to what was being taught in Economics 11. That has helped me immensely throughout the quarter. Another strength was when we weren't working on material related to Economics, our instructor had many different guest speakers come join us on Zoom to talk to us about their careers and life as a former or current Bruin. I perceive no weakness of this course and have enjoyed my experience with it."

A negative review: *"The course was mainly math, I didn't find anything too interesting."*

For the EXEC-Career portion:

"I loved the presentations that we had from various UCLA Alumni! It was very helpful to see where other transfers have been and where they have gone since their time at UCLA. Another thing I really enjoyed was having informal emails periodically sent out..."

"All the guests and the peer mentors were tremendous and I am grateful"

Q: I did not transfer from a community college; may I still qualify to take this course?

A: If you are a transfer student from another college or university, you may apply. Students who have been at UCLA previously may not. This program is designed to help students adjust to the

new environment at UCLA. We know it is difficult to go from a semester system at most community colleges to the quarter system at UCLA, to go from classes of 30 or so students at most community colleges to a lecture class of 400 at UCLA, and to compete with students who have been at UCLA for two years, likely know some of their classmates, and have experience working with TAs and UCLA faculty. This program provides a peer network, study skills, as well as academic content.

Q: How is the EXEC section of Econ 105 different from the other two sections of Econ 105?

A: The EXEC session of Econ 105 is exclusive to students in the EXEC program, allowing you to take it with the same classmates as your Econ 11 discussion sections and the EXEC career component. This community aspect fosters connections with peers, and past EXEC students have highlighted that it helped form lifelong friendships.

Q: Does Econ 105 course count towards the pre-major or major?

A: Econ 105 counts towards the major.

Q: Can I change the Letter Grade basis for Econ 105 to a P / NP basis?

A: No, this course is only offered for a letter grade.

Q: Is Econ 105 mandatory?

A: Econ 105 is not required for a degree in Economics, but it is required as part of the EXEC program. All EXEC students must enroll simultaneously in Econ 105 and Econ 11.

Q: May I attend the career workshops if I am not an EXEC student?

A: No, this component is only for our EXEC students

Q: May I attend a different section of Econ 105 as an EXEC student?

A: No, you must attend the EXEC section of Econ 105 if you are an EXEC student.

Q: How many units is Econ 105 and is it an upper division course?

A: Econ 105 is 4 units and is an upper division course.

Q: If I do not take the course, will I be at a disadvantage?

A: No, however, the material is designed to help you succeed in Econ 11 and also offers a career component. You are the best person to understand how you might benefit from the program.

Q: What happens if I can't make a career preparation session?

A: You are allowed to miss up to one session. If you need to miss a session please inform Joseph Blancas via email at jblancas@support.ucla.edu and obtain session materials and information.