

**Department of Economics
Information for First-Year Ph.D. Students
Fall 2012**

Graduate Coordinator's Web Page and Contact Information

The Economics Department is situated on the 5th floor of Brooks Hall, which is the Terry College of Business building on UGA's north campus (Google Maps Link: <http://g.co/maps/beyhr>).

The Departmental website is:

<http://www.terry.uga.edu/economics>

The primary gateway to the information and resources you will need as an Economics graduate student is the Graduate Coordinator's web page:

http://www.terry.uga.edu/economics/programs/phd_graduate_coordinator.html

The Graduate Coordinator is [Prof. Santanu Chatterjee](#) (email: schatt@uga.edu or econgc@uga.edu, Phone: 706-542-3696). His office is located in 525 Brooks Hall.

[Lindsay Salmon](#) is the Assistant to the Graduate Coordinator (email: conasst@uga.edu, Phone: 706-542-1311).

General Information

The University of Georgia Libraries website offers an informative list of links to help you get settled into the community:

<http://www.libs.uga.edu/graduates/settlingin.html>

Orientations

- (i) Economics Department Orientation (*mandatory* for all incoming PhD students)
Friday, August 3, 3:30 PM in Brooks Hall, room #520.
- (ii) International Student Orientation (*mandatory* for all international students on a visa)
July 30-August 3, 10 AM onwards in room 210 of Memorial Hall.
Questions? Email lapoole@uga.edu
- (iii) UGA RA/TA Orientation (*mandatory* for all students with an assistantship)
Thursday, August 9, 8:45 am-12:30 pm, in room 101 of the Miller Learning Center (MLC).
- (iv) UGA Graduate School Orientation and Information Fair (Not mandatory)
Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 9-11:30 AM, Athens Classic Center, Grand Hall.

Please mark your calendar for these orientation dates/times.

Registration and Academic Calendar

The schedule for registering for Fall semester classes is provided here:

<http://www.reg.uga.edu/registration-dates/fall-2012>

Registration must be completed online; here is a good place to begin:

<http://www.reg.uga.edu/registration>

UGA's academic calendar for 2012-2013 can be accessed at:

<http://www.reg.uga.edu/academicCalendar2012-2013>

Schedule of Classes

In your first year, you must register for the following classes:

Fall Semester

ECON 8000 – Mathematical Analysis for Economists (3 hours)

*This course starts on **July 23** and ends on **August 10, 2012** (9:00am-12:00pm, Location TBA). The lecture on Wednesday, August 8 will be held from 1:30-4:30 PM to accommodate The Graduate School Orientation & Information Fair. There will be no class on August 9 to accommodate the University RA/TA orientation.

Instructor: [Prof. Art Snow](#)

*Note: *Regular Classes for Fall Semester begin on Monday, August 13, 2012.*

ECON 8010 – Microeconomic Theory I (3 hours). *Instructor:* [Prof. Ron Warren](#)

ECON 8040 – Macroeconomic Theory I (3 hours). *Instructor:* [Prof. William Lastrapes](#)

ECON 8070 – Statistics for Econometrics (3 hours). *Instructor:* [Prof. Scott Atkinson](#)

Spring Semester

ECON 8020 – Microeconomic Theory II (3 hours). *Instructor:* [Prof. John Turner](#)

ECON 8050 – Macroeconomic Theory II (3 hours). *Instructor:* [Prof. Berrak Bahadir](#)

ECON 8080 – Introduction to Econometrics (3 hours). *Instructor:* [Prof. William Vogt](#)

ECON 8980 – Economics Seminar (Faculty-Student Workshop) (3 hours)*

*ECON 8980 requires first-year students to attend the department's faculty-student workshop, which consists of "brown-bag" seminars with members of the Economics Department faculty. These lunchtime meetings are intended to introduce you to faculty members who do not teach in the first-year curriculum and their research in an open, informal and non-technical way. The schedule for these workshops will be posted on the Graduate Coordinator's web page.

All students on an assistantship must register for at least 12 credit hours per semester and 9 credit hours in the summer (if receiving a summer assistantship).

Structure of the graduate program

The details of the program structure here:

http://www.terry.uga.edu/economics/programs/phd_typical_course_sequence.html

This page provides information about how a student typically progresses through the program.

Assistantships

Students receiving assistantships will be assigned to one or more faculty members for a total of 16 hours per week. The faculty member(s) will determine the nature of your duties and monitor your performance. At the end of the semester, the faculty to whom you are assigned will evaluate your performance.

Subject to budgetary restrictions, graduate assistantships held by first-year students will be renewed if ALL of the following criteria are met:

- GPA above 3.30 in the required first-year courses.
- Passage of the Micro and Macro Theory preliminary exam by the end of the first year of study.
- Satisfactory performance as a graduate assistant.

If your GPA does not exceed 3.30, second-year funding will be determined competitively, based on your academic performance during your first year.

Subject to budgetary restrictions, graduate assistantships will be renewed annually for up to two more years (i.e., through a student's fourth year in the program) if ALL of the following three criteria are met:

- GPA above 3.00 in PhD Economics courses.
- Passage of a field exam by end of the second year of study.
- Satisfactory performance as a graduate assistant.

Teaching Expectations

The Economics Department at the University of Georgia is strongly committed to training its graduate students to be high quality teachers. This commitment to excellence enhances the job market opportunities of graduate students and ensures that undergraduates receiving outstanding instruction. To these ends, the Department provides Ph.D. students who are learning to teach with many opportunities for training and feedback. The primary principle on which the Department's policies are based is that graduate students' teaching responsibilities should be balanced with their progress towards completing the dissertation.

The Graduate Student Teaching Policy for the Department of Economics is available:
http://www.terry.uga.edu/economics/programs/graduate_student_teaching_policy.html

Offices and Mailboxes

Unfortunately, the department is currently squeezed for space. All incoming graduate students will have access to office space in Room 604 of the Bank of America building downtown, located on the corner of Lumpkin Street and Clayton Street. This space is equipped with desks and computers that are connected to the internet. See Cindy Owensby, the department's senior

administrative secretary, for information and access. All economics faculty offices are located on the 5th Floor of Brooks Hall.

Student mailboxes are located in the departmental mail room in the North Reception area on the 5th Floor of Brooks Hall.

Computing and Software

The most of the popular econometrics applications used in class and research (Gauss, LIMDEP, RATS, SAS, Stata and TSP) as well as the computational software *Mathematica* and MATLAB are made available for Economics PhD students through site license agreements the University has with corresponding providers. More information can be found here:

<http://www.terry.uga.edu/oit/research/>

If you own a laptop and would like to have it configured to operate on the Terry College's network, contact help@terry.uga.edu.

To use university computers, you must enter your UGA MyID username and password.

Email

Virtually all of our intra-departmental communication is by email, so it is **essential** that you have access to a reliable email service and you check your account often. We require that you have UGAMail for that purpose. Information about the service and obtaining your account is provided at: <http://www.ugamail.uga.edu/>

As soon as possible, confirm your email address (and other local contact information) with the Graduate Coordinator Assistant.

Shared V: Drive

The department has electronic record keeping for students. Once you enter your username and password on any university computer you may access your student file. Each student should have read only privileges for your directory. These files typically include your assistantship letters, RA/TA evaluations, and the required forms you need to complete your degree (i.e. dissertation committee form, final program of study, approval form for oral examination, etc).

The directories are listed in V:\Econ\Graduate Student Records\Current

Photocopies

The departmental secretaries will make photocopies for work related to your assistantship duties. *Graduate students are not allowed to make personal copies on the department's Terry College or library accounts. Graduate students are also not permitted to use the photocopy machine in the Economics Department office.*

Other Help and Information

One of the roles of the Graduate Coordinator is to serve as liaison between you and the departmental faculty, and to help you through the graduate program. Please feel free to contact me whenever you have questions, problems or comments.

Lindsay Salmon (econasst@uga.edu) is the department's administrative secretary and the Graduate Coordinator's Assistant. She is able to handle most of your routine questions about the program and the department.

Cindy Owensby (cowensby@uga.edu), the department's senior administrative secretary, is the person to talk to about the financial aspects of your assistantship. Her office is located in the North Reception area on the 5th Floor.

Joanna Warren (joannaw@uga.edu) is our undergraduate advisor, but handles questions about course schedules for graduate students. Her office is also located in the North Reception area.

Welcome to Athens. Be productive and enjoy the program!

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