Becoming an ORMS Major

Applying to the ORMS Major

Applications are released to students on the waiting list. To be added to the waiting list, please follow the following directions:

1. Go to calmail.berkeley.edu
2. On the left tab headed “Quick Links” select “Manage Your Mailing Lists”
3. In the bottom box that says “Subscribe/Learn about a list,” search the following: ormswaitlist@ieor.berkeley.edu
4. Subscribe to the waitlist

If you wish to be removed from the waitlist, you may unsubscribe yourself using the same calmail.berkeley.edu website.

The application opens at the beginning of each semester if there is room.

Thank you for your interest in becoming an ORMS Major. ORMS is a capped major. All applicants must review the information below prior to submitting the application. We recommend that students apply during the semester that they are completing their final prerequisite courses. For most students, this is during their sophomore year. For transfer students, you must apply at the end of your first semester on the UC Berkeley campus.

Who should take this major?

Students who enjoy and are good at mathematics, computers, and solving practical, multi-disciplinary problems. Keep in mind the program is very math intensive so if math is a difficult subject for you this may not be the right program for you.

GPA Requirement

Maintain a 3.2 (at Berkeley) GPA in Math 53 and 54, Econ 1, 2, or 3, and UGBA 10 is required.

Unit Cap/Semester Cap

Transfer students must apply to the major at the end of their first semester on campus. Summer session prior to the academic year does not count as the first semester. Applications will not be accepted from second-semester transfer students. There are no exceptions.
Students must apply to the major prior to reaching 80 units of post-high school coursework (including in-progress courses). We do not accept applications from graduating seniors or students in their fourth (or later) year of studies, even if it is not the student's first major. There are no exceptions.

**Prerequisite Coursework**

Math 53, Math 54, Econ 1, 2 or 3, and UGBA 10 must be completed prior to acceptance to the major and all must be taken for a letter grade. Students should apply to the major at the end of the semester in which they are enrolled in their final prerequisites. Students should have a minimum of a 3.2 Berkeley GPA in the prerequisite courses.

**Course Equivalency**

Equivalency of courses taken at other colleges and universities should be determined early in the application process. Articulation agreements with the California Community Colleges define specific course equivalencies. You can also look to see what classes at your CA Community College satisfy requirements through ASSIST: http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html

**Alternate Majors**

This is a very popular major and we only have space for about 25 students. All students should plan for an alternate major. There is an OR concentration in the math department that might be a good choice.

**Application**

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