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**A Research-Focused
Curriculum for
Economics Majors**

Choosing a research-focused curriculum

Four pillars of a research-focused curriculum

- Development areas to prepare you for research

Course portfolio to consider

- Courses that provide a research-focus to curriculum.

Extra-curricular development

- Soft-skills that are often acquired outside of class room.

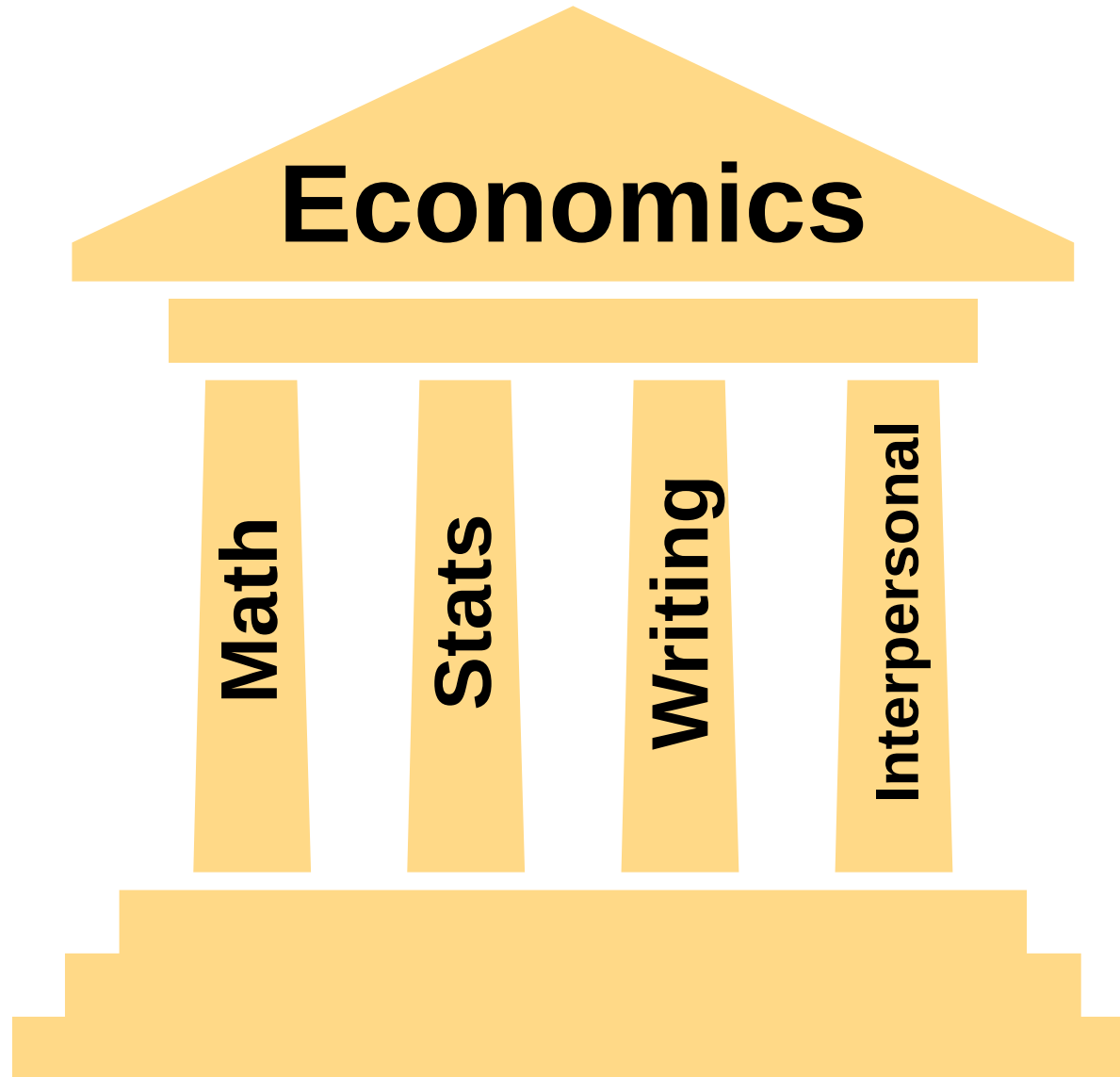
Post-graduation career choices

- Think ahead and let us help you if we can.

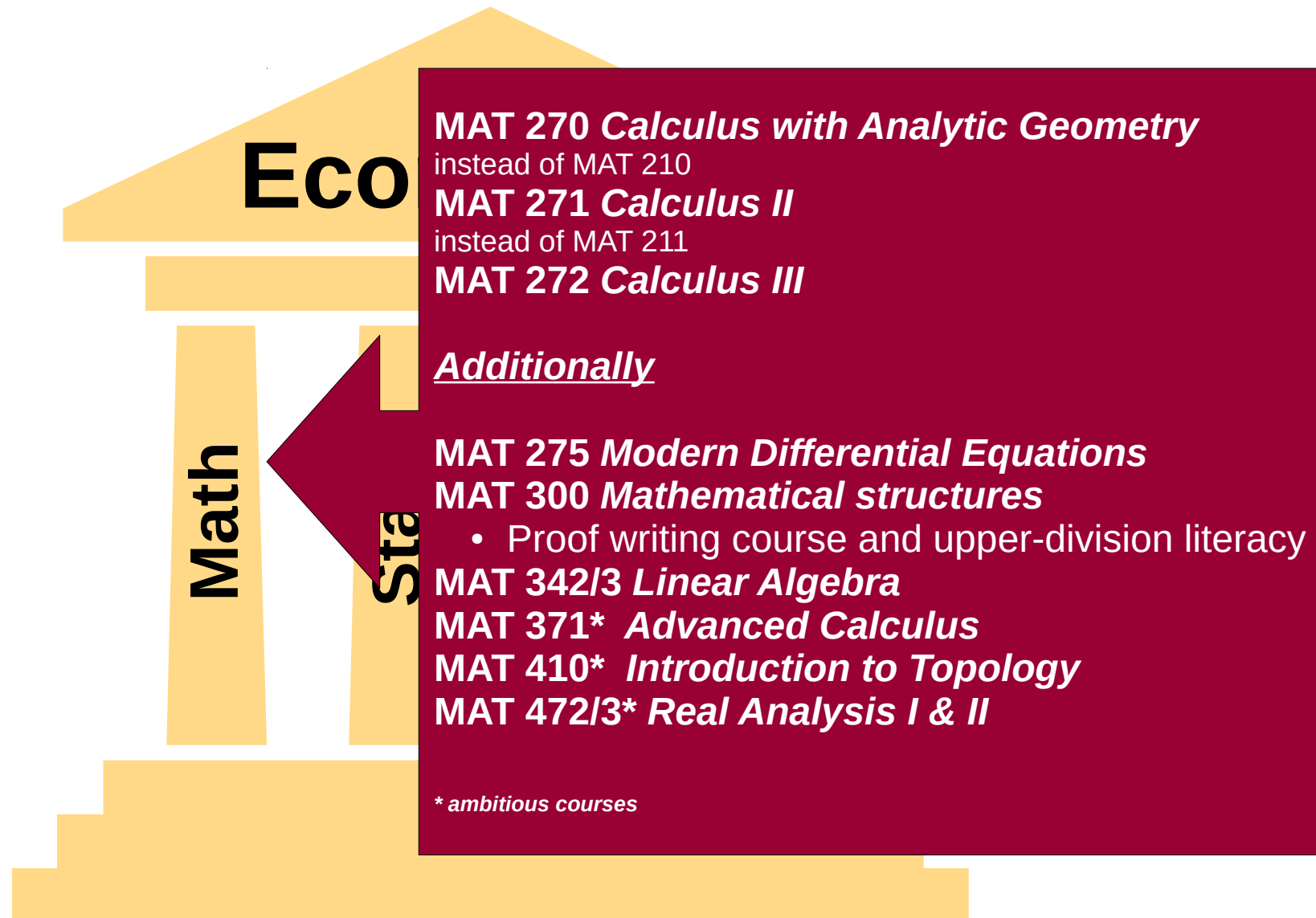
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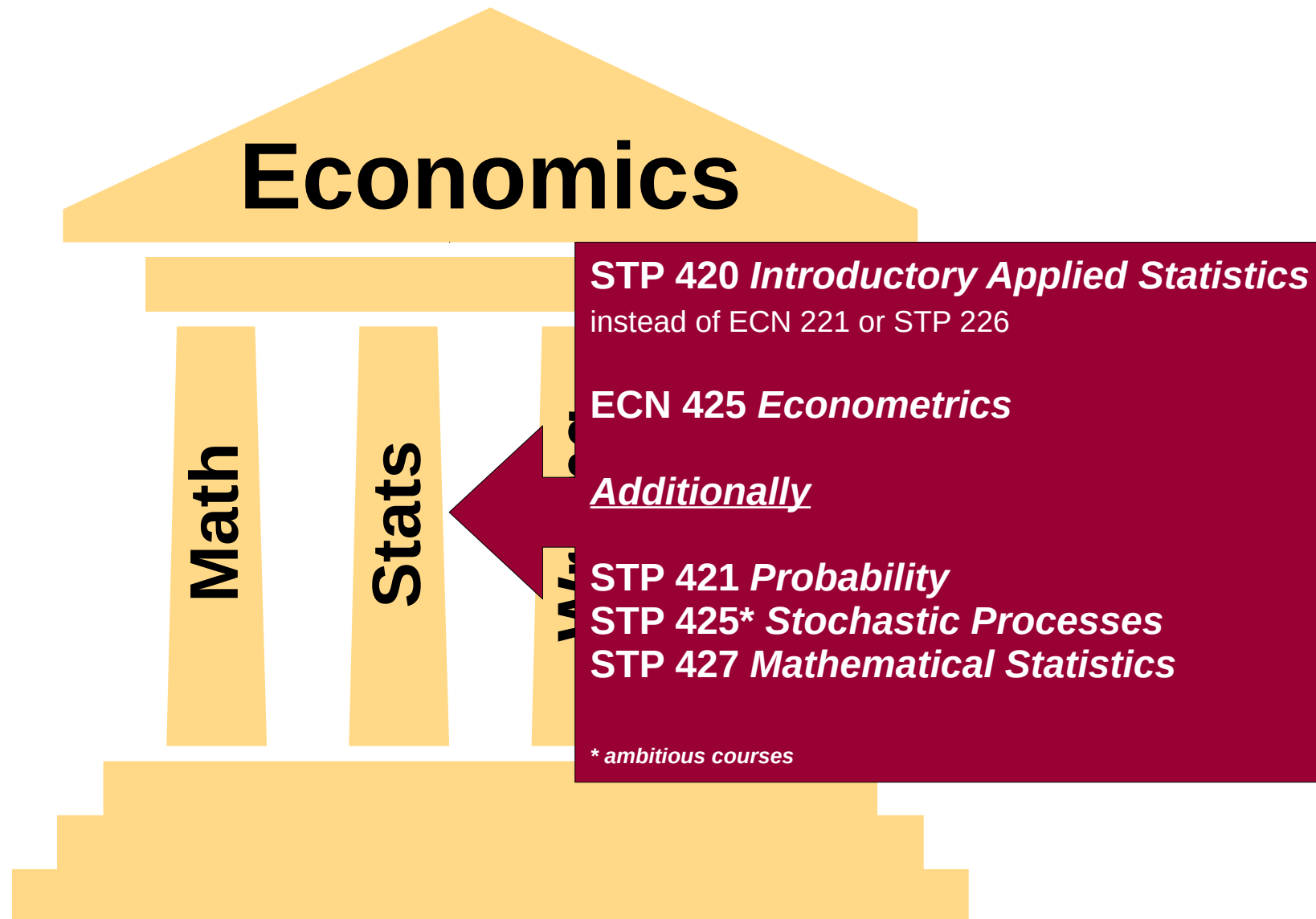
Build on the right foundation...



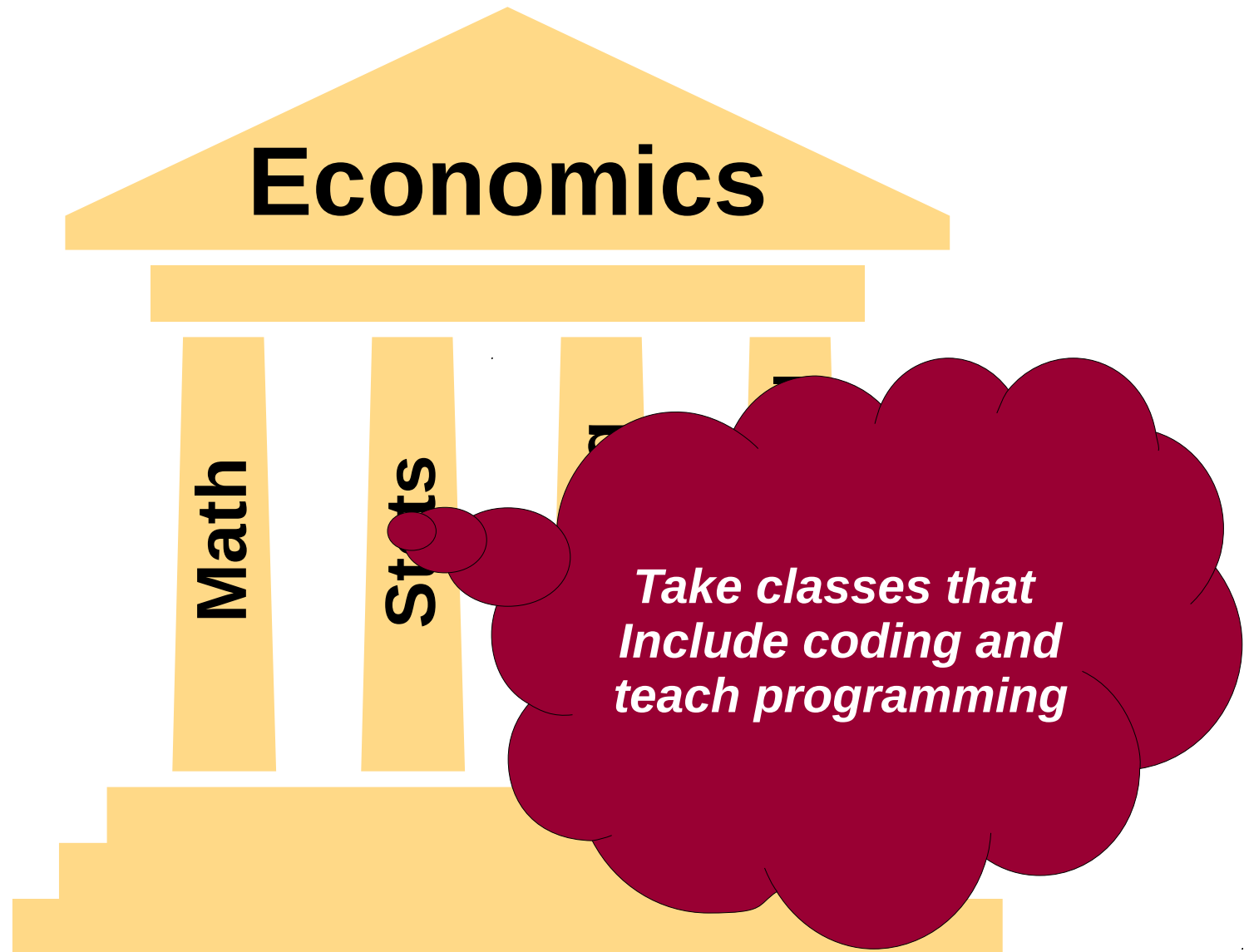
Many useful math courses on offer



Probably good to take stats courses



Computer and coding experience



Develop your writing skills

Economics

ECN 493 Honors thesis
ECN 475 Capstone

Writing courses available

ENG 215
Strategies of Academic Writing

Writing

Interpersonal

Work on your soft skills



Economics is the icing on top

Economics

ECN 214 Honors Microeconomics

ECN 213 Honors Macroeconomics

*4 ECN 3/400-level courses, 2 ECN 400-level courses**
Select courses with research faculty when possible

ECN 416 Game theory

ECN 441 Public Economics

ECN 413 Advanced Microeconomics

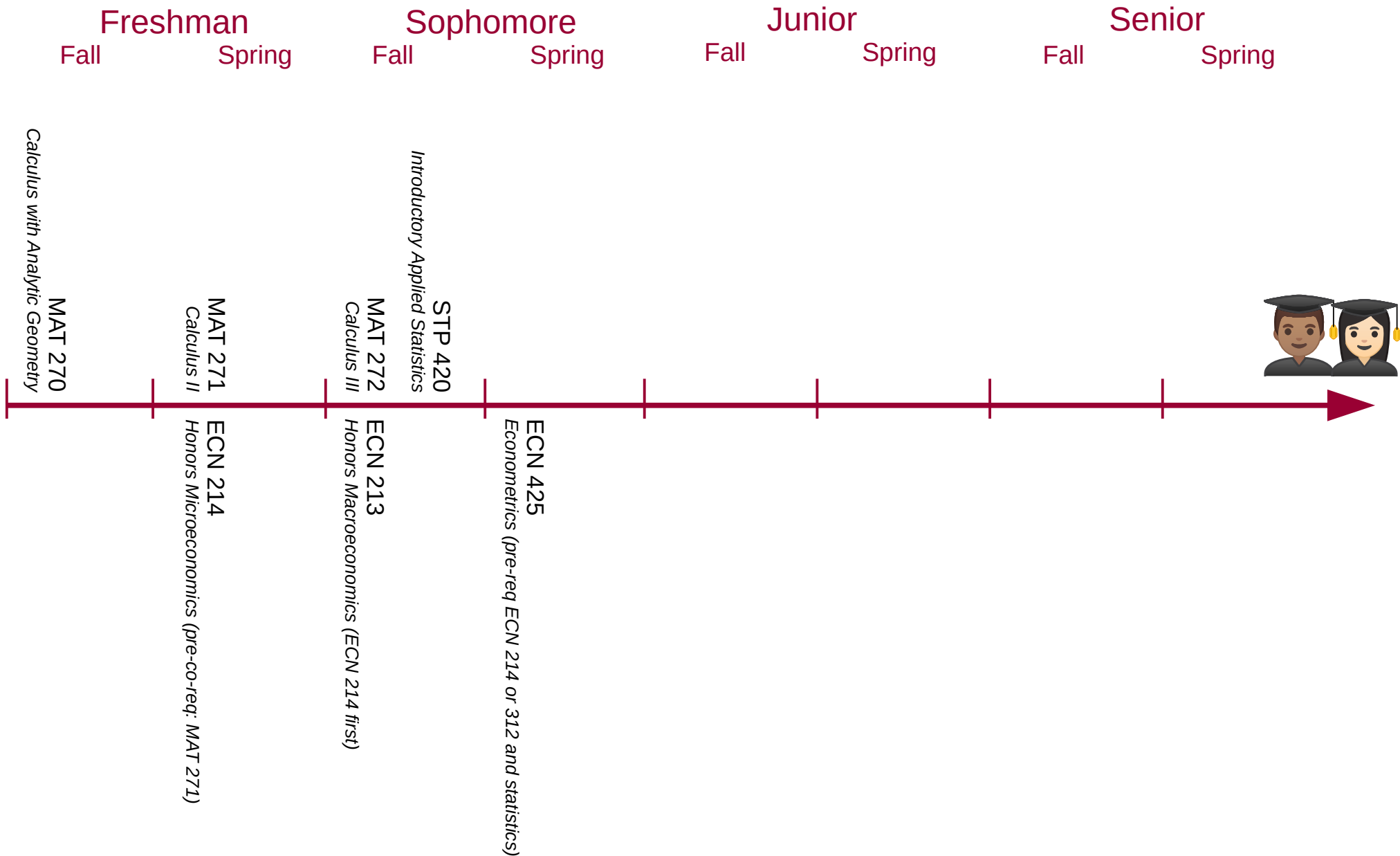
ECN 414 Advanced Macroeconomics

ECN 479 Experiments in Economics

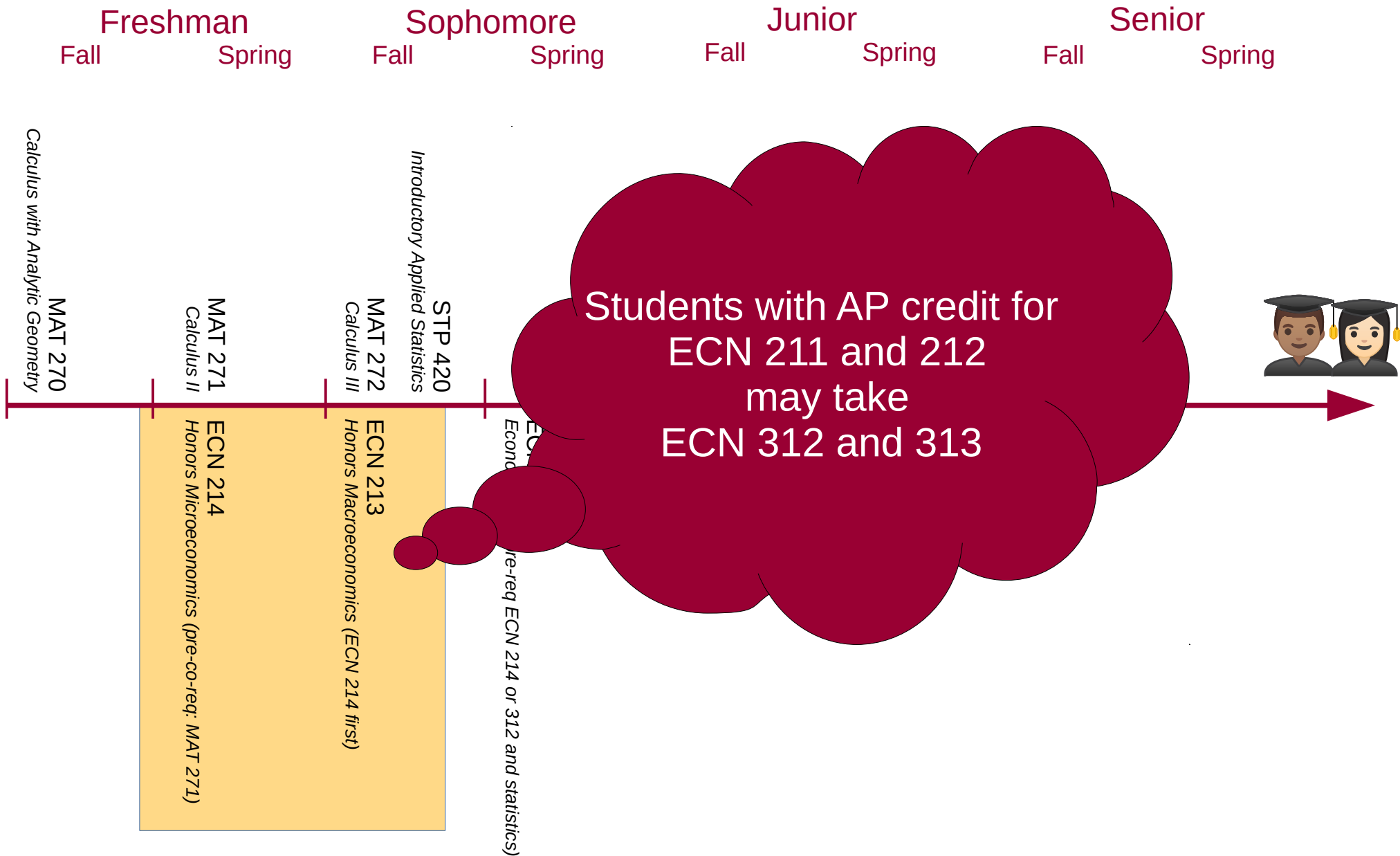
ECN 494 Economic topics

** WPC students must take ECN 306 or ECN 436 or ECN 438
ECN 493 Honors thesis counts*

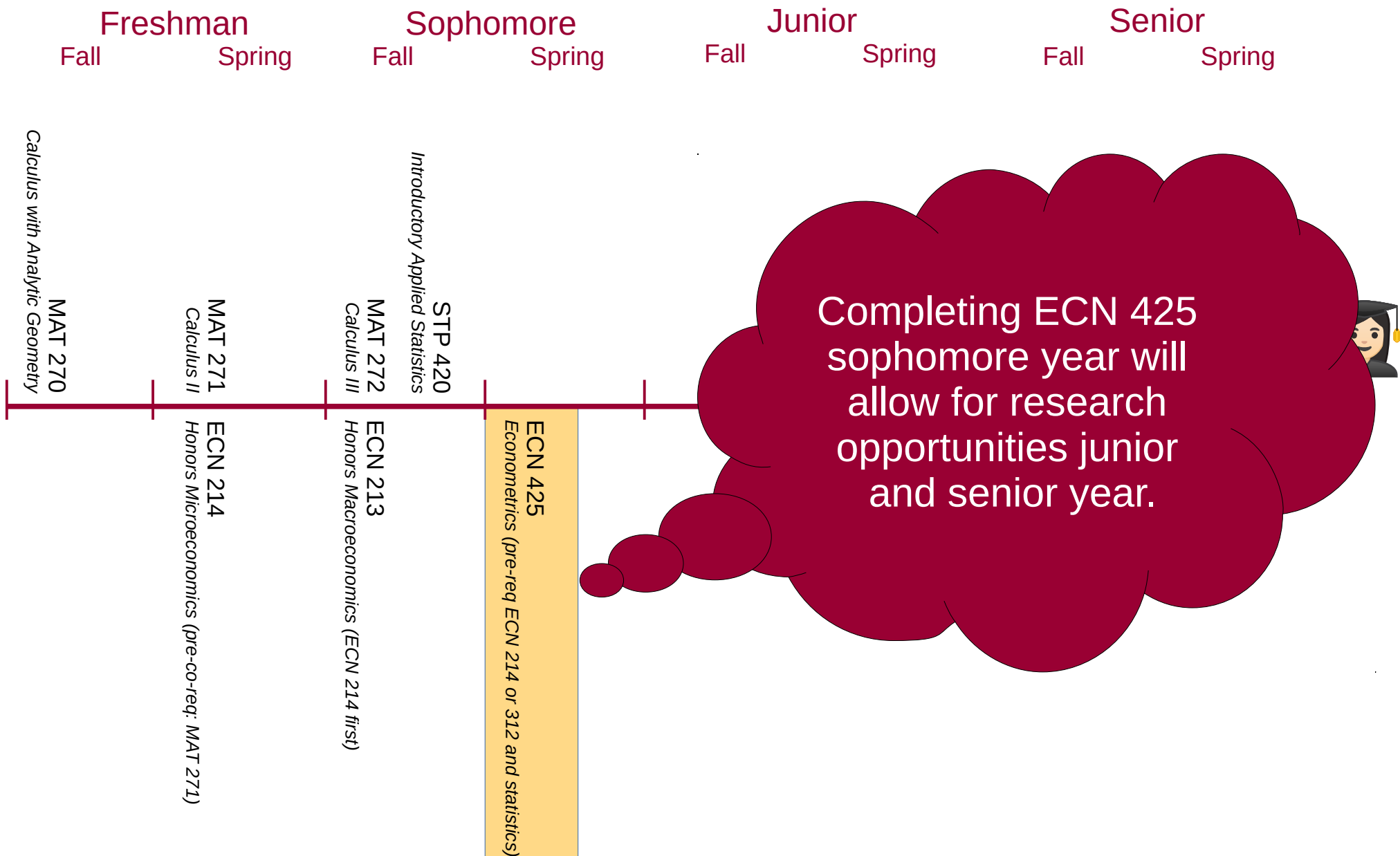
Putting this all in four years....



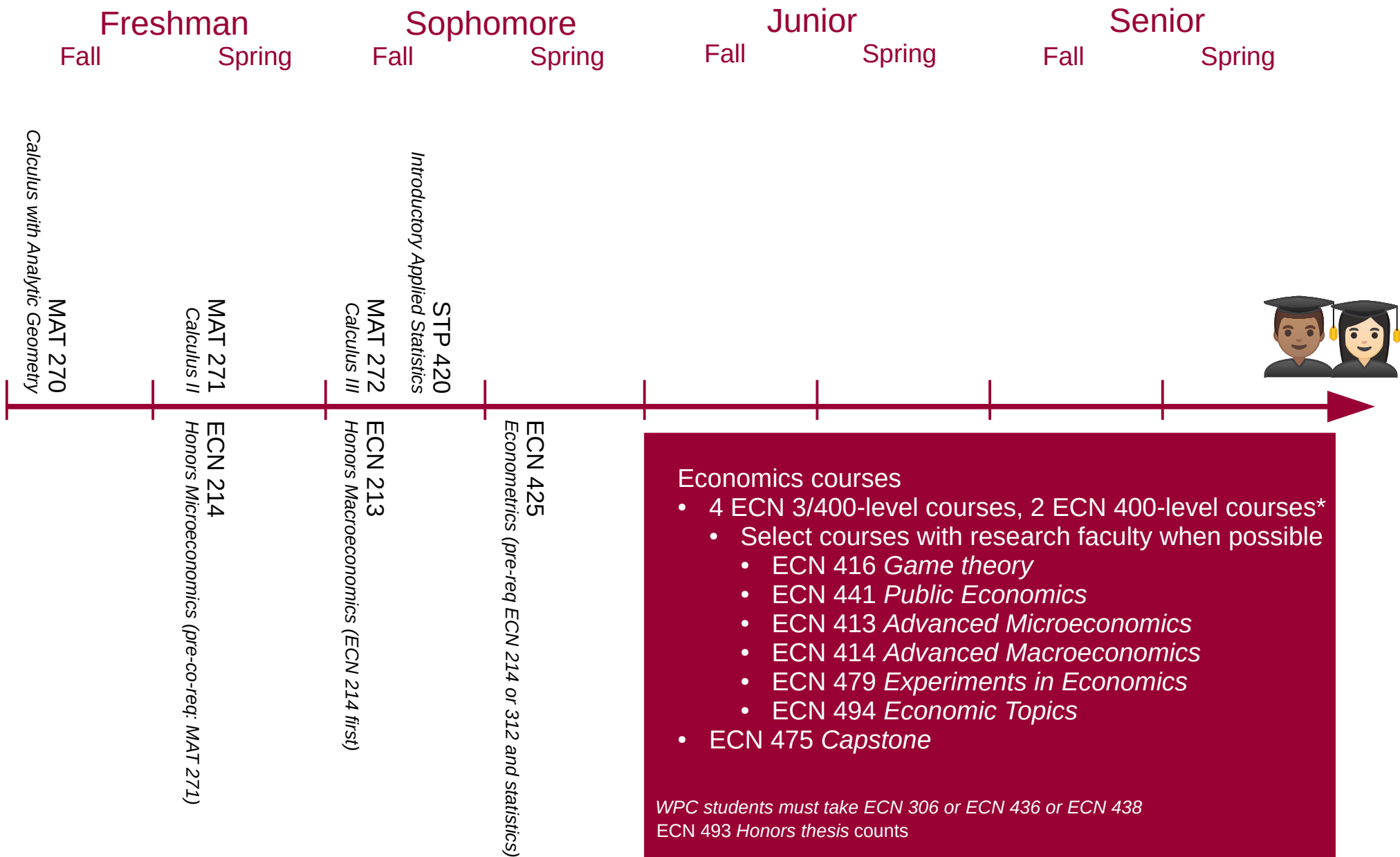
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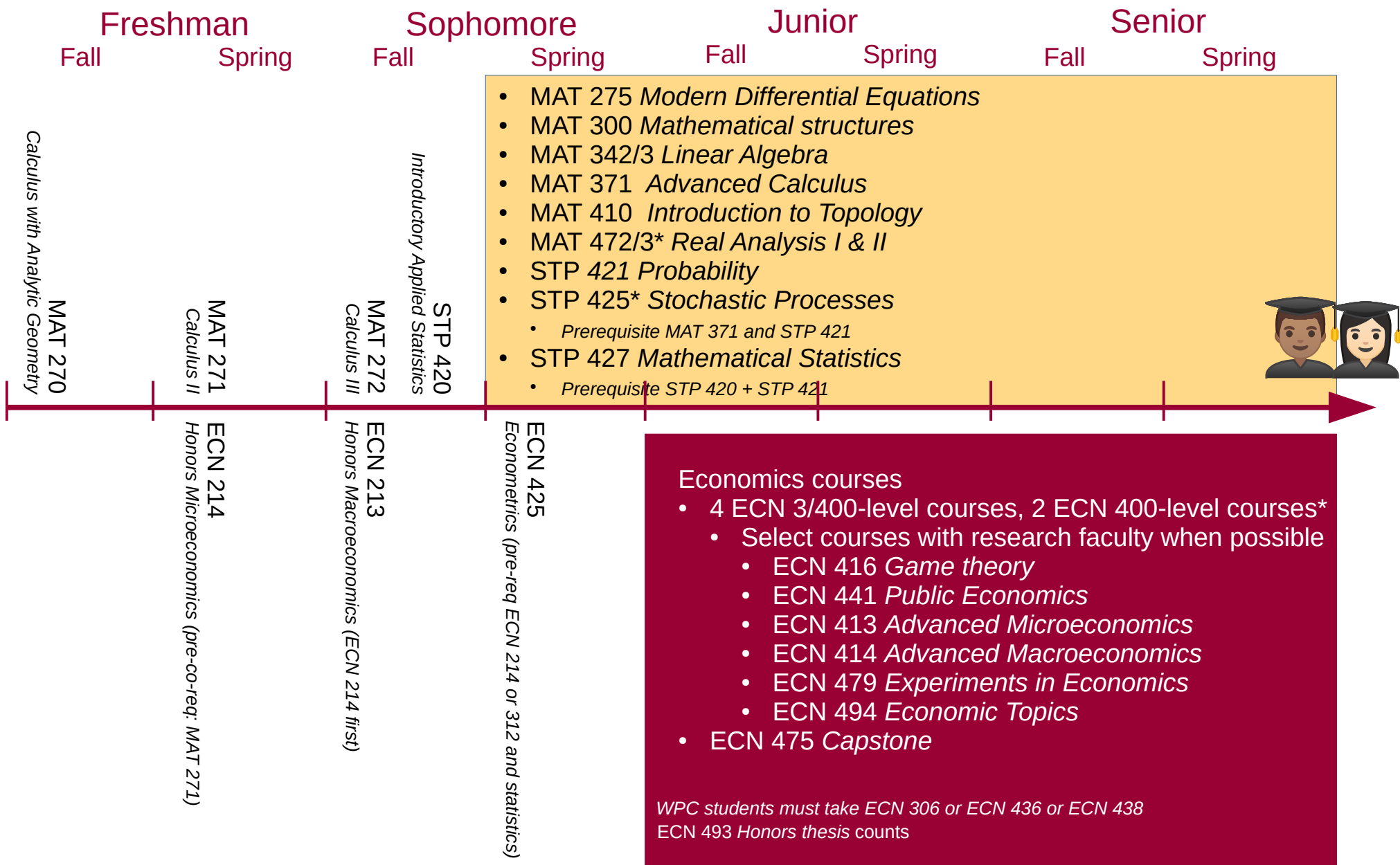
Don't delay econometrics...



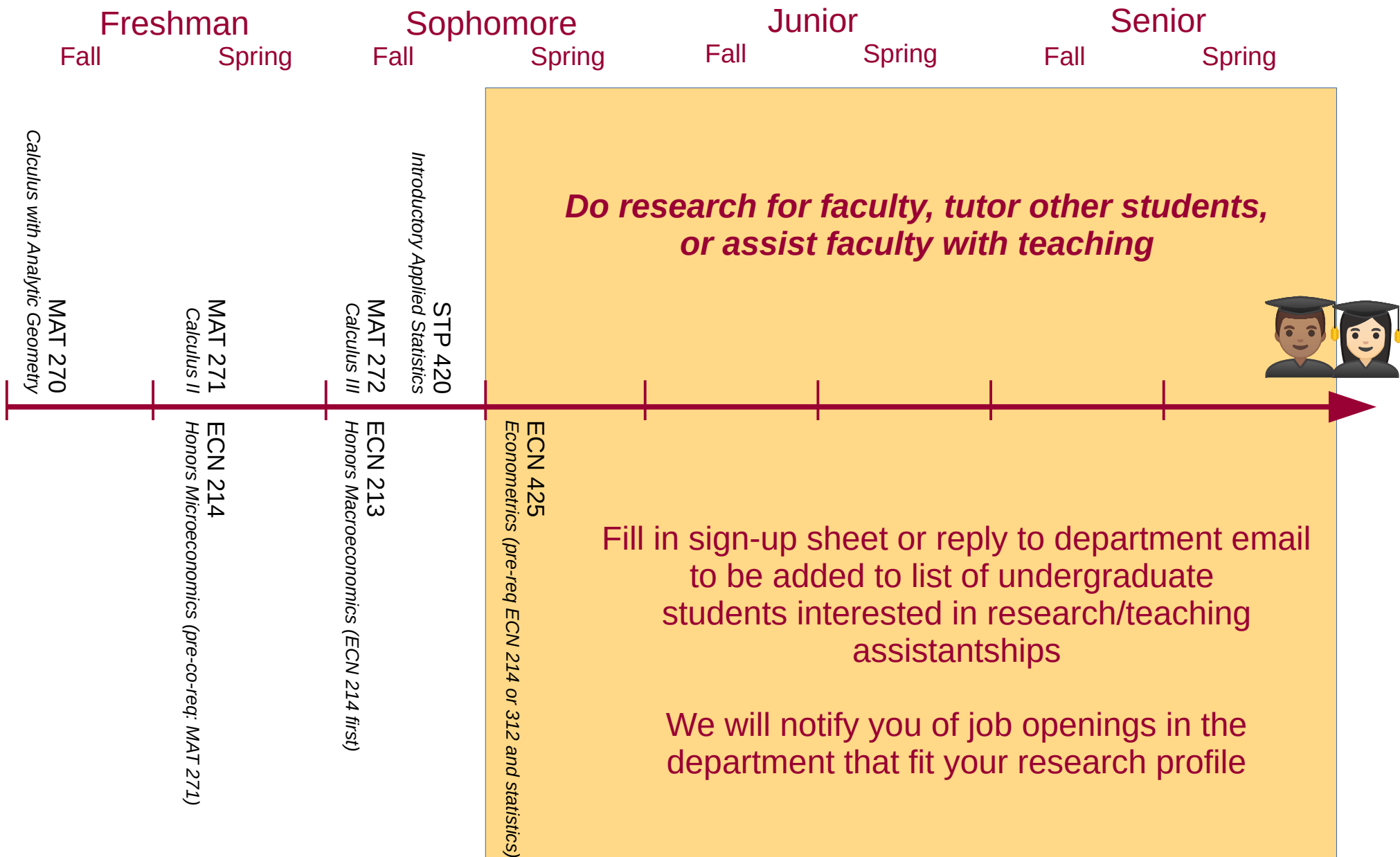
Fulfill requirements in Jr & Sr years



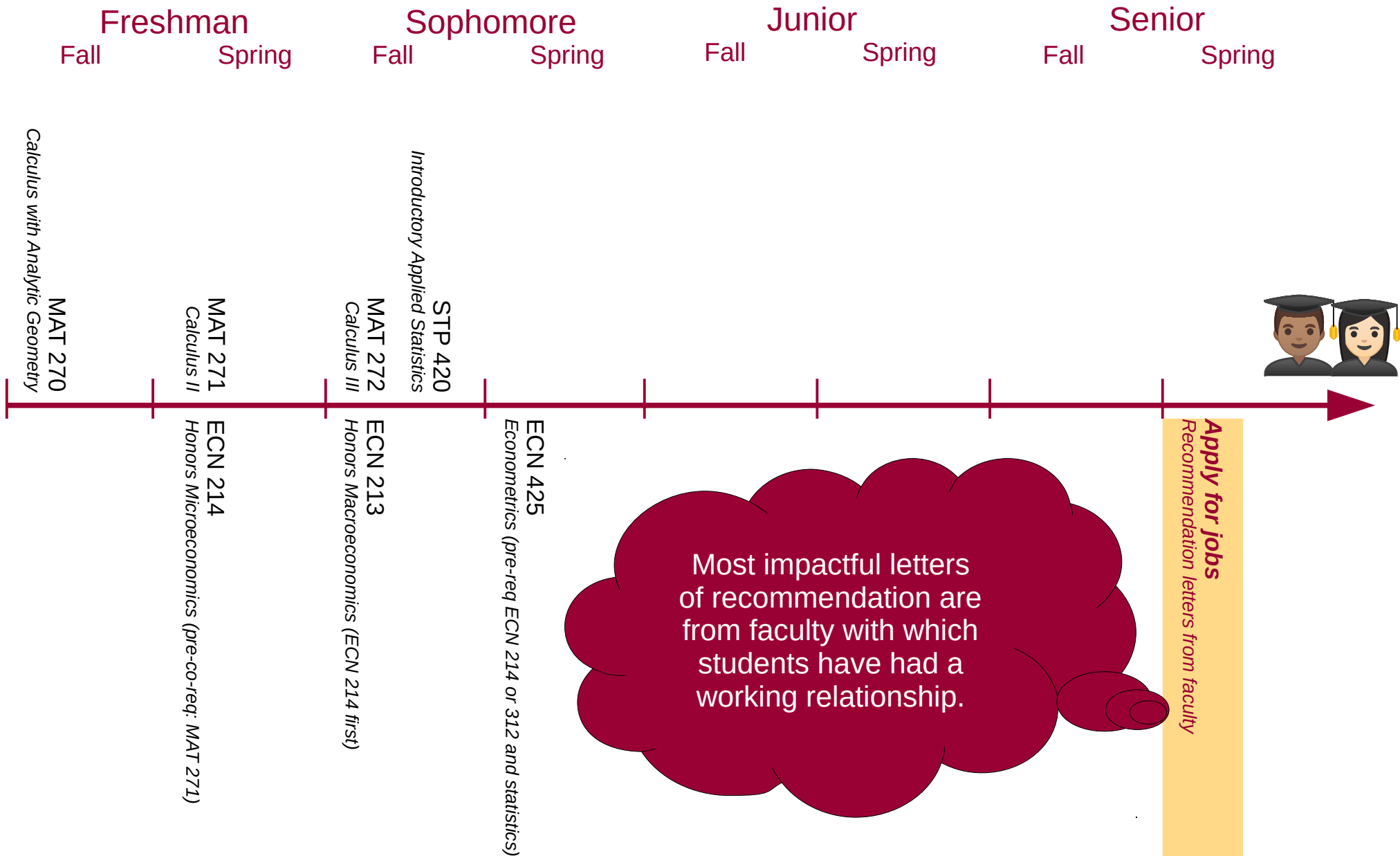
Add some math & stats sauce



Pursue research/teaching opportunities



Get faculty recommendation letter



Research-focused career after ASU



Research assistantships at government agencies

- Federal reserve, CBO, CEA, Treasury, State&Local

Directly moving on to grad school

- Apply for PhD programs Need GRE score and recommendation letters

Private sector research assistantships/jobs

- Think tanks, financial sector, consultancy, industry

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Start planning your course portfolio now

- It is about which courses you take, more than about GPA
- Take math and stats courses in addition to economics

Extra-curricular development

- Soft-skills that are often acquired outside of class room
- Be able to effectively communicate your knowledge

Apply to work with faculty

- Sign up for econ research-focused students list
- Build a working relationship with faculty
- Get their support when applying for jobs/grad school