## Great, tell me more!

- You will take three graduate ECO courses (9 hours) as an undergraduate.
- These hours are in addition to your undergraduate course requirements.
- We will create an ECO course plan for you to ensure that you take the proper courses.
- After you graduate, you will then complete the "+1" portion of the program (i.e., taking at least 7 additional graduate courses).

### **Questions?**

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## Why 4+1?

- Earn two degrees in 5 years
- Save tuition money. Graduate courses taken as an undergraduate, will fall under the undergraduate tuition rate, which allows the use of federal financial aid.
- More job opportunities
- Higher starting salary
- Grow your professional network

### **How Do I Start?**

- 1. Submit the interest form via the QR code. Ideally, interest needs to be expressed prior to the end of sophomore year or completion of 60 credits.
- 2. Ms. Wong will review your submission to determine if the program makes sense for you.
- 3. Ms. Wong will follow up via email.
- 4. If you qualify, you will then work with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to create an ECO course plan.
- 5. When the time comes to take graduate courses, you will contact the Graduate Advisor for permission to enroll.

Will I Still Have to Apply for the Master's Program?



- Yes. Even though you'll be considered a 4+1 student and taking graduate courses, you will not be formally admitted to the master's program until you apply.
- You cannot apply to the M.A. program until your final undergraduate semester.
- If admitted, then you will be eligible to complete the last year of the program (i.e. the +1 portion).