



# Master of Arts in Economics

## Program Requirements and Curriculum

The Master of Arts in Economics program requires its students to complete 30 units of upper-division and graduate courses. **Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.**

**Complete the following economic theory courses with a grade of B or better.**

- ECON 510: Advanced Microeconomics (3 units)
- ECON 511: Advanced Macroeconomics (3 units)

**Complete the following applied economics courses with a grade of C or better.**

- ECON 585: Econometrics I (4 units)
- ECON 586: Econometrics II (4 units)
- ECON 587: Research Methods in Economics (3 units)
  - In recent years, we have offered ECON 565: Economic Development (3 units)
- 500-level elective (3 units)
- Economics elective (3 units)

**Complete the following field and seminar courses with a grade of B or better.**

- ECON 690: Seminar in Economics (3 units)
- ECON 691: Economics Research Lab (1 unit)
- 600-level seminar (3 units)
  - In recent years, we have offered ECON 666: Seminar in Transportation Economics (3 Units)

**Pass a comprehensive exam.**

The comprehensive exam requires students to submit a research paper from a 600-level seminar and orally defend this research to a committee of three faculty members. This exam will assess the student's proficiency in economic theory, ability to apply economic theory, and proficiency in economic research. The faculty committee will determine if the student has successfully passed the exam based on the quality of the research paper and oral defense according to guidelines established by the department.

**Master of Arts in Economics Sample Schedules****Sample Schedule for Full-Time Students**

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
<b>First Fall</b>	ECON 510: Advanced Microeconomics	3
	ECON 511: Advanced Macroeconomics	3
	ECON 585: Econometrics I	4
<b>Spring</b>	ECON 586: Econometrics II	4
	ECON 587: Research Methods in Economics	3
	500-level elective* In recent years, we have offered ECON 565: Economic Development (3 units)	3
<b>Second Fall</b>	ECON 690: Seminar in Economics	3
	ECON 691: Economics Research Lab	1
	600-level seminar In recent years, we have offered ECON 666: Seminar in Transportation Economics (3 Units)	3
	Economics elective	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>30</b>

**Sample Schedule for Part-Time Students**

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
<b>First Fall</b>	ECON 510: Advanced Microeconomics	3
	ECON 585: Econometrics I	4
<b>First Spring</b>	ECON 586: Econometrics II	4
	ECON 587: Research Methods in Economics	3
<b>Second Fall</b>	ECON 511: Advanced Microeconomics	3
<b>Second Spring</b>	500-level elective* In recent years, we have offered ECON 565: Economic Development (3 units)	3
	Economics elective	3
<b>Third Fall</b>	690 Economics Seminar	3
	691 Economics Seminar Lab	1
	600-level seminar In recent years, we have offered ECON 666: Seminar in Transportation Economics (3 Units)	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>30</b>

\*One 500-level elective will be offered as a prerequisite for the 600-level field specific seminar course. You must plan to take the prerequisite before taking the corresponding seminar. Please speak with the advisor before registering for classes.