



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)
- 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)

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>
First Fall	ECON 510: Advanced Microeconomics	3
	ECON 511: Advanced Macroeconomics	3
	ECON 585: Econometrics I	4
Spring	ECON 586: Econometrics II	4
	ECON 587: Research Methods in Economics	3
	500-level elective*	3
Second Fall	ECON 690: Seminar in Economics	3
	ECON 691: Economics Research Lab	1
	600-level seminar	3
	Economics elective	3
Total Units		30

Sample Schedule for Part-Time Students

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
First Fall	ECON 510: Advanced Microeconomics	3
	ECON 585: Econometrics I	4
First Spring	ECON 586: Econometrics II	4
	ECON 587: Research Methods in Economics	3
Second Fall	ECON 511: Advanced Macroeconomics	3
Second Spring	500-level elective*	3
	Economics elective	3
Third Fall	690 Economics Seminar	3
	691 Economics Seminar Lab	1
	600-level seminar	3
Total Units		30

*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.

CSULB MA in Economics

Fall 2024 Application Checklist

IMPORTANT DATES

- Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2023 to **April 1, 2024**.
- Admission decisions will be made on a rolling basis from April to June 2024.
- Graduate Assistantship offers will be made in June 2024.
- Fall semester starts on **Monday, August 19, 2024**.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- You must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year college or university.
- You must have either majored or minored in economics or taken at least 18 units of core economics classes.
- You must have completed (1) principles of macroeconomics, (2) principles of microeconomics, (3) intermediate microeconomics, (4) intermediate macroeconomics, (5) statistics, and (6) calculus.
- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.50
- A minimum GPA 3.0 GPA in the six courses listed above.

CALSTATE APPLY CHECKLIST

- A \$70 application fee
- A Personal Statement of 500-750 words
- Names and email addresses of **two** persons of recommendation
 - (1) *CSULB students & alumni*: two CSULB faculty with at least one being from Economics
 - (2) *non-CSULB students*: two faculty with at least one preferable from Economics
- University-sealed official transcripts sent to
Enrollment Services/Admissions
California State University, Long Beach
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840
- GRE (or GMAT) scores **are not required** but encouraged. If completed, please send scores to Institution Code 4389, Department Code 1801 for *non-CSULB students*.

TUITION COSTS and AVAILABLE FUNDS

- The tuition and mandatory fees are approximately \$4,211 for California residents and \$8,196 for non-residents per semester.
- State University Grants available plus Graduate Assistantships from the department on a competitive basis.

IMPORTANT LINKS

- MA Website: <http://csulb.edu/ma-economics/>
- University Application: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/graduate>
- International Students: <https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/International/about.aspx?plD=6>
- Tuition and Fees: <https://www.csulb.edu/student-records/tuition-and-fees>

California State University at Long Beach

Information for International Students

START WITH [CAL STATE APPLY](#)

- You must complete a [Cal State Apply](#) application to apply for any program at California State University at Long Beach.

TRANSCRIPTS

- Original or certified copies of ALL OFFICIAL academic records, transcripts /individual marksheets, certificates, and diplomas.
- Applicants who have studied in the U.S. are required to have the institution(s) directly send their official transcript(s) to International Admissions.
- If transcripts are in a language other than English, then all academic records and certificates/diplomas must be translated into English.
- You can use [Southern California Translators Service](#) or [Northern California Translators Service](#)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- English language demonstration is required for all applicants who do **not** hold a bachelor's or master's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution.
- The following official test results are accepted by CSULB.
 1. [TOEFL](#) of 550 or 80 for iBT. Our institutional code for TOEFL is 4389
 2. [IETLS](#) of 6.0 each sub-section.
 3. [Pearson Test of English](#) of 58
 4. [Eiken](#) of 1
 5. [American Language Institute](#) at CSULB – completion of level 6
- English language requirements are waived for applicants educated in English-speaking countries. See the list at [English Language Requirements](#) page.

DEGREE EQUIVALENCE and GPA CONVERSION

- You can check the equivalence of your degree at a foreign institution at the WES Degree Equivalence Tool [website](#).
- You can calculate your 4.0 GPA of your grades at a foreign institution at the WES iGPA Calculator [website](#).

IMPORTANT LINKS

- Steps to Apply: <https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/International/about.aspx?plD=6>
- CalState Apply: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/graduate>
- WES Tools: <https://www.wes.org/wes-tools/>

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Placement Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Most of our MA graduates go directly into the job market where they work as Research Analysts and Specialists in private-sector companies and the State of California.
- Some of our MA graduates are admitted (with funding) to Ph.D. programs in Economics, Political Science and Management.
- A few of our MA graduates are teaching part- and full-time at community colleges and at CSULB.

RESEARCH ANALYST AND SPECIALIST JOBS

- Our MA graduates receive job offers of Research Assistant, Analyst and Specialist in the private- and public sectors.
- Our private-sector job placements include California Bank and Trust, Port of Long Beach, Farmers Insurance, Hyundai MOBIS, Bond Consulting Service, CBRE Group, IBM and State Street.
- Our public-sector job placements include UC-San Diego, Santa Ana College, Long Beach Transit, Trade Commission of Peru, and Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC).
- Information and postings of new jobs are regularly disseminated by faculty and past graduates.

Ph.D. PROGRAM PLACEMENTS

- Our MA graduates have been admitted with full-funding to Ph.D. in Economics programs at UC-Davis, UC-Irvine, UC-Riverside, Claremont Graduate School, Kansas State University and University of Hawaii.
- Our MA graduates have been admitted with full-funding to Ph.D. in Political Science programs at UC-Irvine and UC-Riverside.

TEACHING POSITIONS

- Our MA graduates are part- and full-time lecturers in Economics at CSULB, Golden West College and Santa Ana College.