Twin Cities Campus

Economics M.A.

Economics

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Note: Students are admitted only for the PhD in economics; the MA is an optional part of the PhD program.

The economics graduate program offers degree work in both theoretical and applied fields of economics with an emphasis on quantitative economic analysis. The strong quantitative component in this degree emphasizes multivariate calculus, linear algebra, and econometrics (statistical methods of economic data). Economics coursework consists of microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, economic growth, price theory, cost-benefit anlysis, econometrics, economic modelling and forecasting, industrial organization, economic development, game theory, optimization theory, and financial, computational, international, mathmatical, monetary, public, and labor economics. Fields of specialization and written preliminary examinations include microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, econometrics, economic growth and development, financial economics, game theory, computational economics, industrial organization, labor economics, international economics, mathematical economics, monetary economics, and public economics.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan B: Plan B requires 24 major credits and 6 credits outside the major.The final exam is written. A capstone project is required.
Capstone Project: Two Plan B projects consisting of research papers or literature reviews are required; the PhD written preliminary exams required in two fields outside of economic theory ("field exams") may be used to satisfy either or both of the Plan B projects. Because the standards used to judge whether a preliminary exam has satisfied the requirement for the MA are less rigorous than those for the PhD, students may qualify for the master's Plan B without having satisfied all requirements for the PhD written preliminary exams.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Director of graduate studies approval is required for inclusion of any 4xxx-level coursework.

Required Core Courses (16 Credits)

Take the following courses for 16 credits:
ECON 8101 - Microeconomic Theory (2.0 cr)

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ECON 8102 - Microeconomic Theory (2.0 cr)
ECON 8103 - Microeconomic Theory (2.0 cr)
ECON 8104 - Microeconomic Theory (2.0 cr)
ECON 8105 - Macroeconomic Theory (2.0 cr)
ECON 8106 - Macroeconomic Theory (2.0 cr)
ECON 8107 - Macroeconomic Theory (2.0 cr)
ECON 8108 - Macroeconomic Theory (2.0 cr)

Economics Electives (8 Credits)

Select at least 8 credits of electives in consultation with the director of graduate studies.
ECON 5xxx
ECON 8xxx

Outside Coursework (6 Credits)

Take at least 6 credits outside the major. Courses are selected in consultation with the director of graduate studies.

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