

MASTER'S DEGREE

Students with a bachelor's degree in any field may apply for admission into the master's program. Applicants are admitted on the basis of an undergraduate record, with particular emphasis on performance in economics, mathematics, and statistics courses, performance on the GRE, and letters of recommendation. Although the graduate program assumes mathematical background through calculus (normally two or three semesters of college calculus), as well as undergraduate economics training, applicants with more limited backgrounds may be accepted into the program. Such individuals will be assigned supporting course work, some or all of which may be counted toward fulfilling requirements.

To fulfill requirements for the MA degree, a candidate must complete a 30-hour approved program of study. This includes 15 credit hours of core courses: Econ 7370 (mathematical economics), Econ 8451 (microeconomics), Econ 8453 (macroeconomics), Econ 8472 (econometric methods), and Econ 8473 (applied econometrics). In addition, students must take Stat 7710 (Introduction to Mathematical Statistics) and Econ 8413 (MA research workshop). Note that Econ 9451 may be substituted for Econ 8451, Econ 9453 may be substituted for Econ 8453, Econ 9473 may be substituted for Econ 8473, and enrollment in 9000-level courses may require consent of the department and/or the instructor.

Students can also earn an MA while working toward a Ph.D. by completing the first three years of the Ph.D. program.

MA Required Plan of Study*Fall Semester Year 1*

Econ 7370: Quantitative Economics
Stat 7710: Intro to Mathematical Statistics
Econ 7340: Game Theory
(or other class approved by DGS)

Spring Semester Year 1

Econ 8451: Microeconomic Theory
Econ 8453: Macroeconomic Theory
Econ 8472: Econometric Methods I

Fall Semester Year 2

Econ 8413: Research Workshop I*
Econ 8473: Applied Econometrics

Spring Semester Year 2

Economics Elective 7xxx or above
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* A research paper is required as part of Econ 8413.