

**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, 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 (quantitative economics), Econ 7371 (intro econometrics), Econ 8451 (microeconomics), Econ 8453 (macroeconomics), and Econ 8473 (applied econometrics). In addition, students must take Econ 8413 (MA research workshop) and Econ 8085 (MA problems). 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 two years of the Ph.D. program plus the field requirement.

**MA Sample Plan of Study***Fall Semester Year 1*

Econ 7340: Game Theory\*  
Econ 7370: Quantitative Economics  
Econ 7371: Intro Econometrics

*Spring Semester Year 1*

Econ 8451: Microeconomic Theory  
Economics Elective 7xxx or above  
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*Fall Semester Year 2*

Econ 8453: Macroeconomic Theory  
Econ 8473: Applied Econometrics

*Spring Semester Year 2*

Econ 8413: Research Workshop I\*\*  
Economics 8085: Problems\*\*\*

\* May be substituted by another class approved by the Program Director.

\*\* A research paper is required as part of Econ 8413.

\*\*\* Econ 8085 will generally be taken with the instructor of Econ 8413.

Note: Students who have had any listed course or its equivalent may substitute another course with permission of Program Director.

Note: Students who plan to complete the program in three semesters must consult the Program Director for a modified plan of study.