

Omicron Delta Epsilon

The International Honor Society for Economics

Beta Chapter of Missouri Bylaws

Article I: Name of the Chapter

The name of this organization is the Beta Chapter of Missouri (MU-ODE) of Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE). MU-ODE was established by the Department of Economics (MU-Econ) at the University of Missouri (MU) as a chapter of ODE in 1963.

Article II: Purposes of the Chapter

The purposes of MU-ODE are to offer:

1. International recognition of scholastic achievement in economics.
2. Closer academic and professional relationships between MU undergraduate and graduate students interested in economics and MU-Econ faculty.
3. Closer professional and social relationships with fellow MU-ODE members – especially with high-achieving undergraduate economics majors.
4. Membership in ODE, which offers:
 - 4.1. The possibility of networking with members of ODE chapters at other institutions.
 - 4.2. A one-year subscription to *The American Economist*.
 - 4.3. A publication outlet for promising undergraduate and graduate student papers in *The American Economist*, the journal of ODE.
 - 4.4. Participation in ODE sponsored meetings at the ASSA meeting.
 - 4.5. Eligibility to compete for international ODE awards, including the Frank Taussig and Irving Fisher Awards (both cash prizes and publication of essays), and the Outstanding Student Leader Award.

As a chapter of ODE established and administered by MU-Econ, MU-ODE is not an MU student organization.

These bylaws may not violate the [ODE constitution](#). If either these bylaws or the ODE constitution is amended in such a way that a conflict arises, the conflicting clause(s) in these bylaws shall be deemed invalid.

Article III: Members

Membership in MU-ODE is by invitation of the faculty advisor on behalf of the chapter. Nominations will be made by the faculty advisor, and a simple majority of active members, as defined below, will be required for invitations. As a chapter of ODE, joint invitations to both ODE and MU-ODE will be issued, and members of MU-ODE must also be members of ODE.

MU-ODE membership is open to MU-Econ undergraduate students, graduate students, alumni, faculty members, and emeritus faculty members or undergraduate students in the Trulaske College of Business with a concentration in economics who meet the requirements below. Only

in rare circumstances will other members be invited, and no member may be invited who is not eligible by the ODE constitution.

Membership requirements for **undergraduate students** at the time of invitation:

1. Declared economics major (BA or BS) or economics concentration (BSBA). A graduation plan is not required for MU-ODE membership.
2. At least 12 credit hours in economics with a GPA of at least 3.0. At least 6 credit hours in economics taken at MU. Econ 1051H will count as 6 credit hours for this purpose.
3. An overall GPA of at least 3.0.

Membership requirements for **graduate students** at the time of invitation:

1. Enrolled in a graduate degree program in MU-Econ. (Fifth-year MA students will be considered undergraduates for the purpose of MU-ODE membership.)
2. In residence at least one year.
3. A GPA of at least 3.5.

Membership requirements for **alumni** at the time of invitation:

1. All alumni of MU-Econ (BA, BS, BSBA with concentration in economics, MA, or PhD) shall be eligible who, to the best of the MU-ODE's ability to ascertain, have met the requirements above at the time of their graduation.
2. Due to the lapse in MU-ODE's active status since 1999, a large number of alumni who would have been eligible to join did not have the opportunity. MU-ODE will limit alumni invitations to those who have expressed an interest in becoming involved in MU-ODE or MU-Econ activities, such as the Economics Open House.

Membership requirements for **faculty** at the time of invitation:

1. Active or emeritus tenured, tenure-track, or NTT faculty of MU-Econ. NTT faculty must have teaching responsibilities.
2. MU-ODE may limit faculty invitations if the number of active student MU-ODE members falls below the number of active faculty MU-ODE members.

Initiation of new members will occur once a year, normally during the spring semester.

All members may participate in MU-ODE chapter meetings or events. Membership is divided into three categories: active members, inactive members, and legacy members. Only active members may participate in votes.

Active MU-ODE members are defined to be those members who have participated in at least two MU-ODE meetings or events within the past year or those who have been initiated within the past year. If less than two meetings or events have been held within the past year, the definition of active membership may be extended by the faculty advisor.

Legacy MU-ODE members are defined to be those members who graduated from or left employment of MU, except alumni who are active MU-ODE members.

All other MU-ODE members are considered inactive.

Article IV: Faculty Advisor

The purpose of the faculty advisor is outlined in the ODE constitution. The faculty advisor has the responsibility to ensure that MU-ODE procedures and business does not conflict with that of ODE or of MU-Econ.

The faculty advisor must be a member of the regular faculty of MU-Econ. The faculty advisor must be nominated by the Chair of MU-Econ and approved by a simple majority of active MU-ODE members. The faculty advisor may be the Director of Undergraduate Studies of MU-Econ.

The faculty advisor is not required to be a member of ODE or MU-ODE, but if the faculty advisor is not already a member, the election of the faculty advisor will be construed as an invitation, and the faculty advisor is strongly encouraged to join. The faculty advisor may participate in all meetings or events, but may only vote if an active member.

The faculty advisor may be removed by a three-fourths vote of active MU-ODE members at a regular meeting or a special meeting called by the president. Following removal of the faculty advisor, chapter activities will be suspended until a new faculty advisor is nominated and voted in as above.

Article V: Officers

An election of officers will be held once per year, normally in the spring semester. More than one officer (co-officers) may be elected to each office.

The chapter president must be an active member elected by a simple majority of active members. The faculty advisor is not eligible to be the president – even if an active member – unless active membership is 5 or below. All other active members are eligible.

A vice president and secretary may be elected.

Other officer positions may be created by a two thirds majority of active members. Election of these officers will be by a simple majority.

Article VI: Dues

Membership in ODE requires one-time lifetime dues. No additional dues are required for MU-ODE membership.

Article VII: Meetings

In addition to initiation of new members, MU-ODE will hold regular meetings at least once per academic year. Votes scheduled to occur at such meetings require 50% of active members to attend, where active membership is defined to include attendance at that meeting.

Article VIII: Chapter Status and New Invitations

Formal chapter status as active or inactive is determined by the ODE constitution. If the chapter is active and membership is 5 or below, active members may vote to temporarily decrease GPA requirements for new members, as long as they do not fall below those set forth by ODE. If the chapter is active and membership is 2 or below, the faculty advisor may unilaterally decrease GPA requirements for new members, as long as they do not fall below those set forth by ODE. In case of the latter, the faculty advisor may also invite eligible new members without a vote by active members.

Article IX: Amendments to These Bylaws

Any active or inactive chapter member may propose an amendment to these bylaws. Proposed amendments must be distributed by the president to all active and inactive members prior to a vote on the amendment, which must be approved by a two-thirds majority of active MU-ODE members.

Article X: Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall be the authority for MU-ODE in matters of procedure not specified above.

Enacted this **8th** day of **January** in the year **2015**.

Amended this **2nd** day of **March** in the year **2017**.