ECONOMICS (M.A.)

**Requirements**
The Master's in Economics program requires 30 credits of coursework (10 classes) and the passing of a comprehensive exam. Full-time students usually complete the M.A. within a 12-month period. Classes are offered in the evenings at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Fordham University Rose Hill campus. M.A. candidates must maintain a 3.0 [B] average in their course work.

**Prerequisites**
An undergraduate degree in a field emphasizing economics and/or quantitative skills is expected, such as a degree in economics or international political economy, or a degree in math, finance, psychology, computer science, or business with a minor in economics. The following courses or equivalent should be taken prior to beginning the M.A. in Economics program:

- Intermediate-Level Macroeconomics and Microeconomics
- Math for Economists OR Calculus I and Linear Algebra
- Statistics I and Statistics II (Statistical Decision Making)

If these classes were not completed with a previous degree, then the required classes will be added to a student’s admission. These classes must be taken in the first semester or prior to beginning the program (e.g., during the summer or previous semester).

**Curriculum**

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Six elective courses, selected from any mix of options within these thematic clusters: ^2^

**Economic Theory**
- ECON 5750 Economic Development Policy ^*
- ECON 5415 Gender & Economic Development
- ECON 5450 Crises, Adjustment and Poverty
- ECON 5540 Emerging Markets
- ECON 6440 Development Economics
- ECON 6460 Agriculture and Development
- ECON 6470 Growth and Development
- ECON 6490 Foreign Aid and Development
- ECON 6530 International Economics of Growth and Development

**Quantitative Economics**
- ECON 6950 Financial Econometrics
- ECON 7910 Econometrics I
- ECON 7920 Econometrics II

**Monetary Economics**
- ECON 5551 Domestic and International Banking ^*
- ECON 6310 Monetary Policy
- ECON 6320 Monetary Theory

**International Economics**
- ECON 5510 International Economic Policy
- ECON 5515 Int’l Monetary Policy ^*
- ECON 6510 International Trade
- ECON 6560 International Finance

**Financial Economics**
- ECON 5040 Strategic Financial Management
- ECON 5570 Global Financial Markets ^*
- ECON 6240 Financial Economics
- ECON 6340 Financial Theory

**Special Topics**
- ECON 5006 Programming Economics and Finance
- ECON 5020 African Economic Development
- ECON 5105 Topics in Economic History
- ECON 5260 Epidemics and Development Policy

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^1^ ECON 5710 Mathematical Analysis in Economics must be taken in the first semester.

^2^ Any graduate-level economics course fills this requirement; a list can be found on our department page.
ECON 5280  Urban Economics  3
ECON 5590  Health Economics  3
ECON 5760  Computational Macroeconomics/Finance  3
ECON 6480  Environmental and Resource Economics  3

* Economics M.A. and Ph.D. students cannot use a course marked with an asterisk (*) as an elective unless they obtain prior approval from the associate chair for graduate studies in economics.

**Comprehensive Examination**
The comprehensive exam in economics tests knowledge of microeconomics and macroeconomics and is taken after completion of ECON 6010 and ECON 6020. It is a three-hour written certification examination and is offered twice per year, in January and at the end of May/early June. Students are exempt from the M.A. certification if they pass the Ph.D. certification examinations in economic theory.