

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

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
ECON 5710	Mathematical Analysis in Economics ¹	3
ECON 6010	Microeconomic Theory I	3
ECON 6020	Macroeconomic Theory I	3
ECON 6910	Applied Econometrics	3
	or ECON 6950 Financial Econometrics	
Six elective courses, selected from any mix of options within these thematic clusters: ²		18
	Economic Theory	
	Economic Development	
	Quantitative Economics	
	Monetary Economics	
	Financial Economics	
	International Economics	
	Special Topics	
Comprehensive Examination		
ECON 0936	Master's Comprehensive Examination-Economics	0
Total Credits		30

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.

Thematic Clusters

Economic Theory

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 5750	Game Theory	3
ECON 6700	Mathematical Methods in Economics II	3
ECON 7010	Microeconomic Theory II	3
ECON 7020	Macroeconomic Theory II	3

Economic Development

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 5015	Economic Development Policy *	3
ECON 5415	Gender & Economic Development	3
ECON 5450	Crises, Adjustment and Poverty	3
ECON 5540	Emerging Markets	3
ECON 6440	Development Economics	3
ECON 6460	Agriculture and Development	3
ECON 6470	Growth and Development	3
ECON 6490	Foreign Aid and Development	3
ECON 6530	International Economics of Growth and Development	3

Quantitative Economics

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 6950	Financial Econometrics	3
ECON 7910	Econometrics I	3
ECON 7920	Econometrics II	3

Monetary Economics

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 6310	Monetary Policy	3
ECON 6320	Monetary Theory	3

Financial Economics

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 5040	Strategic Financial Management	3
ECON 5570	Global Financial Markets *	3
ECON 6240	Financial Economics	3
ECON 6340	Financial Theory	3

International Economics

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 6510	International Trade	3
ECON 6560	International Finance	3

Special Topics

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 5006	Programming Economics and Finance	3
ECON 5020	African Economic Development	3
ECON 5105	Topics in Economic History	3
ECON 5260	Epidemics and Development Policy	3
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.