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
- Economic Development
- Quantitative Economics
- Monetary Economics
- Financial Economics
- International Economics
- Special Topics

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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.

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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.