ECONOMICS (M.A.)

Requirements

The master's in economics program requires 30 credits of coursework (10 classes) and the passing of a capstone project course. 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's 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—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—is expected. 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

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:

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

Total Credits: 31

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 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.

**Capstone Research Project**

The capstone project course in economics provides students with additional skills in econometrics and data analysis and is taken after completion of ECON 6010 and ECON 6020. It is a project based course with a final paper and is offered twice per year, in late fall and spring.