

# 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
<b>Core Courses</b>		
ECON 5710	Mathematical Analysis in Economics <sup>1</sup>	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: <sup>2</sup>		18
	Economic Theory	
	Economic Development	
	Quantitative Economics	
	Monetary Economics	
	Financial Economics	
	International Economics	
	Special Topics	
<b>Comprehensive Examination</b>		
ECON 0936	Master's Comprehensive Examination-Economics	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> ECON 5710 Mathematical Analysis in Economics must be taken in the first semester.

<sup>2</sup> 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.