

Economics MA, Business Economics Emphasis

Admission Requirements

An undergraduate major in economics is not required for acceptance into the program. Application for admission may be submitted at any time, although class work formally begins in late August, mid-January, and mid-June. Candidates must meet the general admission requirements of the Graduate School, submit GRE scores (Advanced Economics optional), and submit two letters of recommendation from persons qualified to judge the candidate's potential for success in the program.

The admissions decision is based on the applicant's academic transcript, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and a personal narrative on the application form.

Degree Requirements

Like the General Option of the Economics MA, the Business Economics option requires 30 credit hours. Subject to approval from the Director of Graduate Studies, as many as nine credit hours may be waived based on previously completed graduate education. Independent of any waived courses, the 30 credit-hour program must be completed within a six-year period. A minimum of 21 credit hours must be completed while enrolled in the MA program at UMSL.

Required Courses

ECON 5001	Microeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 5002	Macroeconomic Analysis	3
ECON 5100	Econometric Theory and Methods	3

Electives 21

Financial Economics Electives (Choose 3 courses)

ECON 5120	Advanced Topics In Time Series Econometrics
ECON 5200	Monetary Theory and Policy
ECON 5210	Financial Markets
ECON 5300	International Trade
ECON 5301	International Monetary Analysis

Finance Electives (Choose 2 or 3 courses)

FINANCE 6500	Financial Management
FINANCE 6520	Security Analysis
FINANCE 6521	Financial Forensics: The Science of Derivatives
FINANCE 6580	International Financial Management

Other Electives (choose 1 or 2 courses)

Any Economics 5000-level course not used above and approved by the Department Director of Graduate Studies	
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Total Hours 30

Departmental Honors

A student may earn departmental honors with a GPA of 3.75 in all required courses for the M.A. degree and the recommendation of the department.

Complementary Areas of Study

Students with a public policy focus can complete the M.A. in Economics and the Public Policy Administration (PPA) Graduate Certificate in Policy and Program Evaluation (PPE). It is possible to earn the Certificate without any additional coursework beyond what is required for the M.A. alone.