

ECONOMICS

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Priority Admission Application Deadlines:

Fall:	June 1
Spring:	October 15
Summer:	No admission

International applicant deadlines:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/majors>

Minimum Total Hours:	30
Level:	Masters
CIP Code:	45.0601
Dept. Code:	ECN
Major/College Codes:	ECO/AS
Approved:	2010

CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Arts and Sciences

Department: Economics

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The M.A. in Economics prepares students for careers as professional economists in business and government. It is also excellent preparation for continued graduate study in economics.

Major Research Areas:

Health economics, public economics, urban and regional economics, international trade, economic development, industrial organization, advanced theory, and advanced econometrics

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions), as well as requirements for admission to the major, listed below.

- Must have taken the GRE within the preceding five years with target scores of 152 (490) on the verbal portion and 152 (670) on the quantitative portion. [HC1]
- Minimum of 1 course in calculus.*
- Minimum of 1 course in statistics.*
- Undergraduate Intermediate-level microeconomics and undergraduate intermediate-level macroeconomics*

*Applicants must earn a grade of B or better in each of these courses.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

[All students are required to take courses in advanced economic theory and econometrics. Students preparing for doctoral studies select from these and additional courses in economic theory, mathematics, and quantitative methods. Where appropriate students may select courses in other departments in the University. At least 24 hours for the major must be in Economics not including Independent Study \(ECO 6906\) and Directed Research \(ECO 6917\).](#)

Total Minimum hours - 30 hours

Core – 12 hours

Electives – 18 hours

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~~Students must satisfy all University requirements for the M.A. degree. Departmental requirements include 30 hours of graduate credit selected with the approval of the department's graduate advisor. At least 24 hours must be in Economics not including Independent Study (ECO 6906) and Directed Research (ECO 6917). To graduate, a student must have at least an overall 3.00 GPA and at least a 3.00 GPA for all economics courses, and pass an oral examination. [HC2]~~

Core Requirements		12 hours
ECO 6115	Microeconomics I	3
ECO 6206	Macroeconomics I	3
ECO 6405	Mathematical Economics I	3
ECO 6424	Econometrics I	3

Electives		18 hours
Economics at least 12 credits		
Unrestricted at most 6 credits at the graduate level		

Economics electives must be drawn from the following set of graduate-level courses offered in the Department of Economics. With the approval of the Graduate Director, at most two unrestricted elective courses may be satisfied by graduate-level courses offered by any department within the University.

ECO 6120	Economic Policy Analysis	3
ECO 6305	History of Economic Thought	3
ECO 6425	Econometrics II	3
ECO 6505	Public Finance	3
ECO 6525	Public Sector Economics	3
ECO 6706	International Trade: Theory and Policy	3
ECO 6936	Behavioral Economics	3
ECO 6936	Forecasting and Time Series Analysis	3
ECO 7116	Microeconomics II	3
ECO 7207	Macroeconomics II	3
ECO 7406	Mathematical Economics II	3
ECO 7426	Econometrics III	3
ECP 6205	Labor Economics II	3
ECP 6405	Industrial Organization I	3
ECP 6408	Economics of Organization	3
ECP 6415	Issues in Regulation and Anti-Trust	3
ECP 6456	Law and Economics	3
ECP 6536	Economics of Health Care I	3
ECP 6614	Urban Economics	3
ECP 6624	Regional Economics	3
ECP 7207	Labor Economics II	3
ECP 7406	Industrial Organization II	3
ECP 7537	Economics of Health Care II	3
ECS 6015	Economic Development	3

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Comprehensive Exam

~~In addition to completing the 30 hours of coursework with overall and major GPAs of at least 3.00, a student must pass an oral examination conducted by a panel of three faculty members who have taught courses in the student's major. At least one faculty member must be drawn from those who teach the core courses. The oral examination provides a forum for the student to provide evidence that s/he has sufficient knowledge and breadth of fundamental economic concepts so as to be able to undertake rigorous economic analysis, both theoretical and empirical in nature.~~

Non-thesis – there is no thesis required for this major.

COURSES

See <https://www.systemacademics.usf.edu/course-inventory/>