

# APPLIED ECONOMICS (OFF-CAMPUS) (ECAO)

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

## ABSTRACT

The off-campus version of the Master of Science in Applied Economics program (ECAO) is a master's degree program designed primarily to enhance the professional development of applied economists. The program is not designed to prepare students for PhD programs in economics. The program prepares students to work as analysts in government agencies, private firms and non-governmental organizations.

The ECAO program is an evening program with face-to-face classes in Washington, DC. The ECAO program operates on a quarter-term academic calendar. Students can complete the 10-course ECAO program in 15 months if they take 2 courses per quarter.

The ECAO program's curriculum is identical to that of the ECAM program, but the ECAM program is located on campus in College Park, and operates on the university's standard semester-based academic calendar. All credits earned at the Washington, DC location would count for the College Park program in the event that the student transfers to the College Park program. Credits earned at the University of Maryland are transferable to another institution at the sole discretion of the accepting institution.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The economics department does not offer fellowships or graduate assistantships to any of the students in the MPEC program. Domestic students in the program are eligible for the US Department of Education's Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loans and Federal Grad PLUS Loans. Some of our students also have their tuition paid, at least in part, by an employer or other 3rd party. The University's Financial Services Center provides Third Party Billing when the third party requires a bill from the university. More information about financial aid is available from the University of Maryland's Office of Student Financial Aid.

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## ADMISSIONS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdstatementofpurposeecaocamz074z098.pdf>)
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

### PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (none)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdsupplementaryapplicationappliedecon.pdf>)
- Introductory Macroeconomics course (grade of B or higher)
- Introductory Microeconomics course (grade of B or higher)
- Calculus (grade of B or higher)

**\*Visa Eligibility:** This program is not eligible for I-20 or DS-2019 issuance by the University of Maryland.

We do not sponsor visas for students in the Washington, DC version of our program (ECAO). International applicants who need the University of Maryland to sponsor an F1 student visa must apply for Fall 2022 enrollment to the College Park version of our program (ECAM).

The application deadline for international applicants requiring F1 student visa sponsorship is 2/9/2022. After this deadline, please contact [cpmasters-econ@umd.edu](mailto:cpmasters-econ@umd.edu) for information regarding Fall 2023 enrollment.

International applicants who already reside in the U.S. on existing visas that permit study (G4 and H4 visas, for example) may apply to either version of the program, similar to domestic students.

Applicants who are unsure about their preference location should contact [masters-econ@umd.edu](mailto:masters-econ@umd.edu) before submitting an application.

The Golden Identification Program is not eligible for Continuing Education Programs (Graduate, Post-Baccalaureate, Non-Credit Learning) administered through the Office of Extended Studies. To learn more about Golden ID, click here (<http://registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/golden-id.html>).

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline
<b>Domestic Applicants</b>		
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	June 12, 2024	December 13, 2023
<b>International Applicants</b>		
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas	N/A	N/A

**RESOURCES AND LINKS:**

**Program Website:** [masters.econ.umd.edu](http://masters.econ.umd.edu) (<http://masters.econ.umd.edu>)

**Application Process:** [gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying](https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying) (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>)

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Applied Economics, Master of Science (M.S.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/applied-economics-off-campus-ecao/applied-economics-ms/>)

**FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES**

Classes are held in the evenings in our DC classroom space, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 140.