**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 ECAO 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.

**CONTACT**

**Dr. John Straub, PhD**

Program Director

**Master of Science Program in Applied Economics**

1400 16th Street, NW

Suite 140

Washington, DC 20036

**Telephone:** 301.405.3531

**Email:** Straub@umd.edu (Straub@econ.umd.edu)

**Dr. Amanda Kerr, PhD**

Associate Director

**Master of Science Program in Applied Economics**

1106C Morrill Hall

7313 Preinkert Drive

University of Maryland

College Park, MD 20742

**Telephone:** 301.405.3531

**Email:** Ackerr@umd.edu (ackerr@econ.umd.edu)

**Herman Byrd**

Program Coordinator

**Master of Science Program in Applied Economics**

1400 16th Street, NW

Suite 140

Washington, DC 20036

**Telephone:** 202.525.4308

**Email:** DCmasters-econ@umd.edu

**Website:** http://masters.econ.umd.edu

**Courses:** ECON (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/econ/)

**ADMISSIONS**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 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
- Introductory Macroeconomics course (grade of B or higher)
- Introductory Microeconomics course (grade of B or higher)
- Introductory Calculus course (grade of B or higher in Calculus I, or AP Calculus score of 4 or 5)

*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 enrollment to the College Park version of our program (ECAM).

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 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**
--- | --- | ---
**Domestic Applicants** | | |
US Citizens and Permanent Residents | June 11, 2025 | December 11, 2024
International Applicants

| 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)

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.