APPLIED ECONOMICS (OFF-CAMPUS) (MPEC)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

Abstract
The off-campus version of the Master of Professional Studies in Applied Economics program (MPEC) is a professional 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 MPEC program is an evening program with face-to-face classes in Washington, DC. The MPEC program operates on a quarter-term academic calendar. Students can complete the 10-course MPEC program in 15 months if they take 2 courses per quarter.

The MPEC program’s curriculum is identical to that of the MPEM program, but the MPEM 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
• 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)
• 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.

The MPEC program offers fall and spring admission. The application deadline for fall enrollment is June 15 and the application deadline for spring enrollment is December 15.

The MPEC program cannot issue the immigration documents necessary for international students to study (F1 or J1 student visas). The on-campus version of the program (the MPEM program) is able to sponsor international student visas. Citizens of foreign countries who currently reside in the U.S. on visas which permit them to undertake part-time study are welcome to apply to either the MPEC or the MPEM program, provided that they submit a copy of the valid visa and I-94 card.

The MPEC program’s standard academic admissions requirements are:
Overall GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4-point scale), grades of at least B in introductory economics courses (micro- and macroeconomics) and a grade of at least B- in introductory calculus.

Students must upload PDF copies of their transcripts, a resume, and a brief personal statement. We do not require letters of recommendation, GRE scores or GMAT scores. Students whose prior academic degrees were all earned in non-English speaking countries must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website: www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions
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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://masters.econ.umd.edu

Requirements


Facilities and Special Resources

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