**APPLIED ECONOMICS (ON-CAMPUS) (MPEM)**

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

**Abstract**

The on-campus version of the Master of Professional Studies in Applied Economics program (MPEM) 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 MPEM program is an evening program with face-to-face classes on campus in College Park. The MPEM program operates on the standard semester-based academic calendar. The standard time to completion for a full-time student is 4 semesters.

The MPEM program’s curriculum is identical to that of the MPEC program, but the MPEC program is located off campus in Washington, DC and operates on a quarter-term academic calendar, rather than the traditional semester-based academic calendar.

**Financial Assistance**

The economics department does not offer fellowships or graduate assistantships to any of the students in the MPEM 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 parties. The University’s Financial Services Center provides Third Party Billing when the third party requires a bill from the university.

After submitting their completed application, international applicants who require a student visa will be asked to complete a "Certificate of Finances" form. The form is designed to verify that international applicants have the resources necessary to finance their pursuit of our degree if they are accepted and choose to enroll.

More information about financial aid is available from the University of Maryland’s Office of Student Financial Aid.

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


**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)

The MPEM program offers only fall admission. Both domestic and international applicants are eligible to apply. The application deadline for international students is February 28th. The deadline for domestic applicants is June 15th.

The MPEM 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: https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions

**Application Deadlines**

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F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants

Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://masters.econ.umd.edu

Requirements


Facilities and Special Resources

Classes are held in the evenings on the main campus of the University of Maryland in College Park.