

# ECONOMICS (ECON)

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

## Abstract

The Economics Program offers graduate study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree. During the course of study toward the Ph.D., doctoral students also have the opportunity to obtain a Master of Arts degree. Areas of specialization include: Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Development Economics, Econometrics, Economic History, Industrial Organization, International Macroeconomics and Finance, Labor Economics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomic Theory, Political Economy, Public Finance and Resource and Environmental Economics.

## Financial Assistance

All applicants will be considered for assistantships and fellowships through the regular application review process. Funding from the department is merit-based. As always, we will consider applications from students who have already secured an outside source of funding.

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

## ADMISSIONS

### General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s): Transcripts from all institutions attended after high school or secondary school whether or not a degree was received. Fall term transcripts need to be included for anyone still attending an institution.
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>)) \*

*\*Note: All applicants, regardless of citizenship, must demonstrate English language proficiency. Applicants are automatically deemed to have met this requirement if they hold a degree from a university in the United States or in an English-speaking country included on the UMD Graduate School's list, which can be found at the bottom of this page: <https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements>. Note that such exemptions are based solely on the country in which you were educated, and not on your citizenship.*

*All students who do not meet the conditions described above must meet an English language test score threshold to be fully enrolled, and another, more stringent threshold to receive assistantship funding. The first set of thresholds, for full enrollment, are determined by the Graduate School and not the Department of Economics. They are described here: <https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements>.*

*The second set of thresholds, for assistantship funding, are set and subject to change by the Maryland English Institute and the Graduate School, and are described here: <https://marylandenglishinstitute.com/english-programs/international-teaching-assistants/>. A score below the threshold on any section precludes a student from receiving a teaching assistantship (TA) position and necessitates taking an English course that would interfere with enrolling in the standard first year course sequence in Economics. Therefore, we require applicants to meet these more stringent thresholds at the time of application in order to be considered for assistantship funding. Unfortunately, we are unable to make conditional offers.*

*Applicants who meet the requirements for full enrollment but not for receiving a TA position and who have secured external funding for their studies may be offered admission, but will not be offered funding by the Department, do not automatically become eligible for TA positions in future years, and are not guaranteed Department funding in subsequent years.*

## Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) - optional
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdsupplementaryapplicationecon.pdf>)
- Description of Research/Work Experience (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umddescriptionofresearchworkexperienceecon.pdf>)
- Writing Samples (optional, up to 3)

By the application deadline, applicants should have completed advanced undergraduate courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics. Applicants are also expected to have completed the equivalent of three semesters of calculus, a semester of linear algebra, and a semester of differential equations. The majority of admitted students have also completed course work in real analysis or other upper-level mathematics. For admission for Fall 2022, submitting the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Aptitude test is optional. All of the Department's graduate students are full-time students.

## Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	December 3, 2024
<b>International Applicants</b>	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	December 3, 2024

### RESOURCES AND LINKS:

**Program Website:** <https://www.econ.umd.edu/landing/Graduate> (<http://www.econ.umd.edu/landing/Graduate/>)

**Application Process:** [gradschool.umd.edu/admissions](https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions) (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/>)

## REQUIREMENTS

- Economics, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/economics-econ/economics-phd/>)
- Economics, Master of Arts (M.A.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/economics-econ/economics-ma/>)