

# 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: Advanced Macroeconomics, Advanced Microeconomics, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Comparative Institutional Economics, Econometrics, Economic Development, Economic History, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Industrial Organization, International Finance and Macroeconomics, International Trade, Labor Economics, Political Economy, and Public 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/>))

### 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
<b>Domestic Applicants</b>	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	December 1, 2023
<b>International Applicants</b>	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	December 1, 2023

## 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/>)