**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**

Many students entering our graduate program receive financial aid. Some students receive graduate assistantships, requiring about 15 hours of teaching or research service per week. Graduate assistantships provide a stipend and a very attractive package of fringe benefits that include medical insurance and full tuition remission. Other students receive first-year fellowships. These fellowships also include a stipend, medical insurance and tuition remission, but do not require students to work as a teaching or research assistant. In most cases, fellowships convert to assistantships beginning in the second year. Students who enter our program with financial aid are guaranteed financial aid for two years in all cases, and for five years conditional on satisfactory progress in the program.

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**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)
- CV/Resume

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. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Aptitude test is required. Submitted GRE scores must be valid through January 3, 2020. All of the Department’s graduate students are full-time students.

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website: www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions

**Application Deadlines**

**Type of Applicant** | **Fall Deadline**
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Domestic Applicants  
US Citizens and Permanent Residents | 3 Jan
International Applicants  
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants | 3 Jan

Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at https://www.econ.umd.edu/landing/Graduate

**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)