

ECONOMICS, M.A.

Economics

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Economics Program Information

The Department of Economics is pleased to offer a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy program. We also offer Agricultural Economics at the Ph.D. level in conjunction with the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics as part of the Economics & Econometrics Stream (E&E) Ph.D. program.

The Department has two streams in the graduate program: Economics and Econometrics (E&E), which places greater emphasis on theory (micro and macro), mathematics and statistical methods, and Economics and Society (E&S), which places greater emphasis on how the distribution of wealth and power affects the socioeconomic and physical environment. The graduate program in the E&E stream requires students to take more core courses in theory, mathematics and statistics, while the E&S stream is more individually tailored to the student's research. Applicants to the graduate program in Economics apply to one stream, and are not considered for admission to the other stream. Therefore, applicants are advised to carefully check admission and program requirements to decide which stream provides the best fit.

Admission Information

Admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for Master's students are found in the Master's Degrees General Regulations (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission_FGSMasters) section of the Guide.

Economics M.A. Admission Requirements

For consideration for admission to the M.A. program, students proceeding from the University of Manitoba's Pre-M.A. program must have obtained a minimum GPA of 3.5 in at least 24 credit hours of coursework in economics.

Normally, successful applicants for admission to the M.A. program will have completed an Honours degree in economics equivalent to that awarded by the University of Manitoba.

Stream-Specific Admission Requirements

ECONOMICS & ECONOMETRICS STREAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should meet the following:

1. A minimum degree GPA of 3.1 from an undergraduate degree that includes fifty-four (54) credit hours of completed economics courses (or, if the applicant has a double Honours degree, 42 credit hours), which shall include:

Coursework in Mathematical Economics equivalent to the University of Manitoba course ECON 3030, and coursework in Econometrics courses equivalent to ECON 3040 and ECON 4040;

2. A grade of B+ or better is normally required in each upper level undergraduate economic theory course completed; and
3. Six (6) credit hours of mathematics equivalent to the University of Manitoba courses such as: MATH 1500 and MATH 1310.

ECONOMICS & SOCIETY STREAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should meet the following:

1. A minimum degree GPA of 3.1 from a four-year undergraduate program; and
2. Completed a minimum of 42 total credit hours in Economics courses.

Pre-Master's Option

This unit offers a Pre-Master's program of study (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/general-regulations-pre-masters/>). The Pre-Master's program of study is intended to bring a student's background up to the equivalent of the required 4-year degree in the major department/unit, and to provide the student with any necessary prerequisites for courses to be taken in the Master's program. Completing the Pre-Master's program does not guarantee acceptance to the Master's program.

Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation by the date indicated on the Economics M.A. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/economics-ma/>) page.

Degree Requirements

All thesis programs require a minimum of 15 credits hours of coursework in Economics, plus a thesis. All course and research paper programs require a minimum of 27 credit hours of coursework in Economics, plus a research paper.

Expected Time to Graduate: 1 year

Expected Time to Graduate M.A. Thesis Stream: 2 years

Progression Chart

Economics & Econometrics Stream (Non-Thesis)

Course	Title	Hours
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
ECON 6040	Survey of Mathematical Topics for Economists	3
ECON 7010	Econometrics I	3
ECON 7650	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory 1	3
ECON 7722	Advanced Microeconomic Theory I	3

ECON 7000	M.A. Research Workshop	3
ECON 7XXX	Four 3-credit hour Elective Courses ¹	12
Total Hours		27

¹ Up to 6 credit hours of elective course work may be at the 4000 level, provided there is not overlap with 7000 level courses.

Economics & Society Stream (Non Thesis)

Course	Title	Hours
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
ECON 6040	Survey of Mathematical Topics for Economists	3
ECON 7010	Econometrics I ¹	3
ECON 7650	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory 1	3
ECON 7722	Advanced Microeconomic Theory I	3
ECON 7540	Advanced History of Economic Thought	3
or ECON 7060	Advanced Heterodox Theory	
ECON 7XXX	Four 3-credit hour Elective Courses ²	12
Total Hours		27

¹ Students without 4000-level Econometrics can substitute ECON 4040 for ECON 7010.

² Up to 6 credit hours of elective course work may be at the 4000 level, provided there is not overlap with 7000 level courses.

Notes:

Students must complete a research paper approved by their supervisor. Students should begin to plan writing their papers at the start of the Winter term.

Economics & Econometrics Stream (M.A. Thesis)

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
ECON 6040	Survey of Mathematical Topics for Economists	3
ECON 7010	Econometrics I	3
ECON 7650	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory 1	3
ECON 7722	Advanced Microeconomic Theory I	3
ECON 7XXX	One 3-credit hour Elective Course	3
Select an additional 6 credit hours (at the 3000 level or higher) in a relevant field		6
	Hours	21
Year 2		
GRAD 7000	Master's Thesis	0
	Hours	0
	Total Hours	21

Economics & Society Stream Progression Charts (M.A. Thesis)

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0

ECON 6040	Survey of Mathematical Topics for Economists	3
ECON 7XXX	Four 3-credit hour Elective Courses ¹	12
	Hours	15

Year 2

GRAD 7000	Master's Thesis	0
	Hours	0
	Total Hours	15

¹ A student may substitute 3 credit hours of 7000-level coursework from a department other than Economics.

Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

Prior to registering, all students must meet with a member of the Economics Department Graduate Studies Committee to determine their course load. The course load resulting from this meeting must be listed on the Departmental Course Approval Form, and the form must be signed by a Graduate Studies committee member. The signed form must be submitted to the Graduate Program Assistant, who will then complete the registration process.

All course additions and withdrawals (registration revisions) must be approved in the same manner.

Regulations

Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

Supplementary Regulations

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

General Regulations

All students must:

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+,
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).