

APPLIED ECONOMICS (OFF-CAMPUS) (ECAO)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

ABSTRACT

The off-campus version of the Master of Science in Applied Economics program (ECAO) 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 ECAO program is an evening program with face-to-face classes in Washington, DC. The ECAO program operates on a quarter-term academic calendar. Students can complete the 10-course ECAO program in 15 months if they take 2 courses per quarter.

The ECAO program's curriculum is identical to that of the ECAM and online ECAE programs, but the ECAM program is located on campus in College Park and operates on the university's standard semester-based academic calendar. All credits earned at the Washington, DC location or in the ECAE program would count for the College Park program if the student transfers to the College Park program.

The economics department does not offer fellowships or graduate assistantships to any of the students in the ECAO 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. More information about financial aid is available from the University of Maryland's Office of Student Financial Aid.

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.

Students enrolled in the DC location are able to take courses in the online program and vice versa.

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

Relationships: Applied Economics (on-campus) (ECAM) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/applied-economics-on-campus-ecam/>), Applied Economics (online) (ECAE) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/applied-economics-online-ecae/>), Economic Analysis (off-campus) (Z074) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/economic-analysis-off-campus-z074/>), Economics Analysis (on-campus) (Z098) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/economic-analysis-on-campus-z098/>), Economic Analysis (online) (Z174) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/economic-analysis-online-z174/>)

ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdstatementofpurposeecaoccamz074z098.pdf>)
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/umdsupplementaryapplicationappliedecon.pdf>)
- Introductory Macroeconomics course (grade of B or higher)
- Introductory Microeconomics course (grade of B or higher)
- Introductory Calculus course (grade of B or higher in Calculus I, or AP Calculus score of 4 or 5)

Applicants have the option to pursue this degree on the College Park campus, the Washington, DC location, or online. Classes are offered in the evening and the curriculum is identical in all programs, however, the programs operate on different academic calendars.

The College Park version of the program (ECAM) operates on a traditional semester-based academic calendar and full-time students can complete the degree in as little as 16 months. The DC version of our program (ECAO) and the online program (ECAE) run on a quarter-based academic calendar and full-time students can complete the 10-course degree in 15 months.

International applicants who need the University of Maryland to sponsor an F-1 student visa can attend either in-person program, DC or College Park, but not online.

Applicants who are unsure about their preferred location or visa requirements should contact masters-econ@umd.edu before submitting an application.

The Golden Identification Program is not eligible for Continuing Education Programs (Graduate, Post-Baccalaureate, Non-Credit Learning) administered through the Office of Extended Studies. To learn more about Golden ID, click here (<https://registrar.umd.edu/>).

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	June 10, 2027	December 10, 2027	N/A
International Applicants			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas	March 12, 2027	N/A	N/A

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: masters.econ.umd.edu (<http://masters.econ.umd.edu>)

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Applied Economics, Master of Science (M.S.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/applied-economics-off-campus-ecao/applied-economics-ms/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

Classes are held in the evenings in our DC classroom space, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 140.