

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 Microeconomics, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Comparative Institutional Economics, Econometrics, Economic Development, Economic History, Energy and Environmental Economics, Industrial Organization, International Finance and Macroeconomics, 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/>))*

**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 from 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> (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>). This decision rule is based solely on the country in which you were educated, and not on your citizenship.*

All students who do not automatically meet the English proficiency requirement must provide proof of an English language test score above a threshold deemed by the University as adequate for "full enrollment" as described here: <https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements> (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>). Our department will not consider for admission to our Ph.D. program any applicant whose TOEFL, IELTS or PTE scores do not meet the requirement for full enrollment at the time of application. No exceptions will be made.

Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/umdsupplementaryapplicationeconnew.pdf>)
- Description of Research/Work Experience (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/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. All of the Department's graduate students are full-time students.

Application Deadlines

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

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/>)

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/>)