ECONOMICS BA/MA

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/).

BA/MA

The following requirements are in addition to the requirements to obtain a BA in Economics (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/economics/economics-major/). Students must have completed ECON 381-1 Econometrics and ECON 381-2 Econometrics as part of their BA degree.

Total Units Required for the Master's Degree: 9

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**Economic History or Development**

One of those listed below

- ECON 315-0  Topics in Economic History
- ECON 323-1  Economic History of the United States Before 1865
- ECON 323-2  Economic History of the United States 1865 to Present
- ECON 324-0  Western Economic History
- ECON 325-0  Economic Growth & Development
- ECON 326-0  The Economics of Developing Countries
- ECON 327-0  Economic Development in Africa
- ECON 420-1  American Economic History
- ECON 420-2  European Economic History
- ECON 425-1  Development Economics
- ECON 425-2  Development Economics
- ECON 425-3  Development Economics

**Electives**

Three additional approved Economics (300- or 400-level) courses. Can include one unit of ECON 499-0 for students writing an independent thesis.

**Other MA Degree Requirements**

- **Examinations:** final oral examination
- **Research/Projects:** none specified
- **Master's Thesis:** A thesis, either an independent one for the MA or one for honors in Economics or Math Methods in the Social Sciences (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/mathematical-methods-social-sciences/mmss-adjunct-major/) that is administered through those programs under an Economics advisor. The thesis must be an original piece of economic research of journal-article length. The thesis must be submitted no later than four weeks before the end of the student's final quarter and found acceptable by two graduate faculty readers. A final oral examination on the thesis is conducted by the faculty readers. Students writing an independent thesis must enroll in ECON 499-0 Independent Study for the quarter in which the thesis is submitted. Students writing a suitable thesis for honors in their undergraduate degree must register for an additional graduate-level (300 or 400-level) economics course that is selected in consultation with, and approved by, the Director of Undergraduate Studies.