

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

Course	Title
Core Courses	
ECON 401-0	Mathematical Methods of Economic Theory
ECON 410-1	Microeconomics
ECON 411-1	Macroeconomics
ECON 410-2 & ECON 410-3 or ECON 411-2 & ECON 411-3	Microeconomics and Microeconomics Macroeconomics and Macroeconomics
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.