

ECONOMICS (M.A.)

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Description

The M.A. program in economics shares core economic theory and econometrics classes with the Ph.D. program. This coursework is considerably more rigorous than that typically found in stand alone M.A. programs. Consequently, UNH's Master's students are exceptionally well trained.

The 10-month M.A. program is based on four terms, a 5-week (Term 1) and three 10-week terms (Terms 2-4). Classes run from the end of August through the end of May. The program consists of four components: the foundation (Term 1), the core (Term 2), concentrations and capstone experience (Terms 3 and 4). Students participate in weekly research seminars in Terms 2-4, where they are exposed to cutting-edge research presented by UNH faculty and scholars from around the country. The culminating experience for the program is a first-year research paper that students complete in Term 4. Students work closely with faculty members in conducting original research and completing their paper.

Requirements

Students must earn 36 credits to graduate, usually consisting of ten, 3-credit courses, plus 6 hours of graduate economics seminar.

The Foundation

ECON 825	Mathematical Economics ¹	3
ECON 898	Economic Problems (Special Topics: Econometric Skills) *	

The Core ²

ECON 976	Microeconomics I	3
ECON 972	Macroeconomics I	3
ECON 926	Econometrics I	3

Electives

ECON 927	Econometrics II (or an approved skills course)	3
Field/elective courses ³		12

Graduate Economics Seminar

ECON 988	Graduate Economics Seminar ⁴	6
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Master's Paper

ECON 979	Research Skills ⁵	3
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Total Credits		36
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* This course is not required, but strongly encouraged. It meets twice a week during Term 1. Students earn 2 credits.

¹ The course is offered in the five-week Term 1 and meets four days a week. The class provides the mathematical foundation needed in the Term 2 theory and econometric classes. Students earn 3 credits, the same as in the other terms.

² These courses enable students to advance to specialized areas in the third and fourth terms with a strong background in theory and econometrics.

³ Students may take a variety of economic electives or choose to specialize in an area such as international finance, environmental and resource economics, health economics, data analysis and information management, or international business. Up to two electives may be taken in courses offered outside of the department as substitutes for economics electives, subject to approval by the department. All elective courses must be at the 800 level or higher.

⁴ Students are required to register and participate in the Graduate Economics Seminar (ECON 988) in Terms 2, 3, and 4. No more than 6 credits can be counted toward the M.A. degree.

⁵ Students are required to take Research Skills (ECON 979), which will help them complete their first-year research paper. The paper is the capstone experience for the M.A. degree. Students conduct research under the direct supervision of a faculty member and present their work at the end of Term 4.