

THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS

A student enrolled in the Boalt School of Law or in another doctoral program on the Berkeley campus may apply for a master's degree in economics with approval from both the Department of Economics and the student's home department. Students with an MA in Economics from another institution will not be permitted to obtain a second MA in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley. If students hold an MA in a field of study too closely related to economics such as statistics, mathematics, or business, the dean of the graduate division may not approve the MA in Economics.

Application Requirements

1. All applicants must have a minimum 3.50 UC Berkeley graduate GPA for consideration. First term Ph.D. students are not eligible to apply until UC transcript reflects a minimum graduate 3.50 GPA.
2. Students that have received less than a B- in any preparation work for the MA will not be approved to pursue an MA in Economics.
3. A background in economic theory at least equivalent to that provided in 101A and 101B as well as a strong mathematics background is required. Intermediate theory is a prerequisite to all advanced upper division and graduate economic courses and calculus, algebra, as well as econometrics are pre-supposed in many graduate courses.
4. All decisions are final and applicants who are denied admission to the program will not be allowed to reapply.

Application Procedures

The Economics Graduate Committee recommends prior to beginning coursework for the MA in Economics that you submit the following to the Economics Graduate Office, 508-1 Evans Hall (Main Office Mailbox):

1. MA application both Part A and B
2. Undergraduate and Graduate Transcripts (unofficial copies accepted)
3. Petition to Add a Major (with home department signature)

Application Deadlines

Applications for the fall term are due: **May 1st**

Applications for the spring term are due: **September 1st**

Applications received after the deadline date will be considered for the next term. Decisions will be sent prior to the start of the term for the application.

Requirements for the MA in Economics

1. Students are required to maintain at least a B average in courses taken for the MA. If this requirement is not met, students will be dismissed from the MA program.
2. Completion of 24 units of approved course work, of which 12 units must be in graduate economics courses number 201 or higher. Normally no more than 6 units of courses outside the Department of Economics may be counted among 24 required units. Courses chosen for the MA in Economics cannot duplicate courses required for the students' Ph.D. degree except in Law where special agreements exist. Each student's program must include at least two courses in applied economics.
3. Satisfactory performance in two written field examinations. Students who earn less than a "Pass" on a field exam will be dismissed from the MA program. Candidates may elect to be examined in any two of the following fields:

Advanced Economic Theory	Economic History	International Economics	Political Economics
Comparative Economics	Economics of Institutions	Labor Economics	Psychology & Economics
Development Economics	Finance	Law and Economics	Public Finance
Econometrics	Financial Economics	Macroeconomics	
Economic Demography	Industrial Organization	Mathematical Economics	

Special Fields may be approved by the Economics Graduate Committee on petition.

* There is no field exam for Economic Theory. Fulfillment of field requirement is met by passing with a B or better any three of: Economics 201 A-B and 202 A-B

Field chosen to satisfy the requirement cannot duplicate fields offered in satisfaction of requirements in a student's major department. For example, students in the Ph.D. in Demography program may not take economic demography as a field for the economic Master's requirement if it is intended to be used as a field for Ph.D. in Demography.

4. In special cases the theory requirement may be taken as part of course work included in the master's program. It is recommended that students with a strong undergraduate background in Economics enroll in 201A-B and/or 202A-B.
5. Once all the requirements (i.e. courses and field exams) for the MA program have been completed, the Economics Graduate Advisor will confirm with the student that he or she is done and will submit to the Graduate Division an Advancement to Candidacy for the MA Degree (Plan II) form for the semester the student has completed the course work for the MA degree.
6. You have to be registered when the field is taken and the degree is conferred. If you are not formally registered, you may apply for filing fee status. After the degree is conferred by the Graduate Division, you have to submit the Petition to Drop the Economics Major. You must complete the MA degree prior to or at the same time of the Ph.D. You will not be able to complete the MA after your Ph.D. is conferred.

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PART A : APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE M.A. PROGRAM

Deadline for fall is **May 1st** and Deadline for spring is **September 1st**

SID _____ DATE _____
NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CURRENT DEPARTMENT _____
NAME OF GRADUATE ADVISER _____
DATE FIRST ADMITTED TO GRADUATE DIVISION _____
EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION OF PH.D. (or J.D.) _____
EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION OF M.A. IN ECONOMICS _____

BACKGROUND: List courses you have been taken in the areas below.
Use current UC Berkeley Catalogue course numbers
To represent equivalent courses taken elsewhere.
Underline courses taken at Berkeley.

PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS _____

ECONOMIC THEORY _____

APPLIED ECONOMICS _____

STATISTICS AND ECONOMETRICS _____

MATHEMATICS _____

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE _____ UNIVERSITY _____

GRADUATE DEGREE (if applicable) _____ UNIVERSITY _____

NAME ANY BERKELEY ECONOMICS FACULTY MEMBERS WHO KNOW YOUR
WORK

MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST IN ECONOMICS

PART B : M.A. STUDY PROGRAM

NAME _____

SID _____

ECONOMIC THEORY REQUIREMENT SATISFIED BY:

101A - 101B
201A - 201B
202A - 202B

YES _____ NO _____

PROPOSED FIELD EXAM AREAS:

1. _____
2. _____

COURSE WORK REQUIREMENTS:

24 units of approved course work; 12 units must be in graduate economic courses in the 200 series, 6 units can be economics undergraduate courses, and 6 units can be from other courses than economics. No courses necessary for the Ph.D. degree may be used for the MA program.

Any changes in the program have to be sent via email to the Economics Graduate Advisor and approved by the Department of Economics.

GRAD. ECON COURSES (12 units) OTHER ECON COURSES (6 units) COURSES OUTSIDE ECON (6 units)

TOTAL UNITS: _____ +TOTAL UNITS: _____ +TOTAL UNITS: _____ = _____

STARTING UC Graduate GPA: _____ MA COURSE GPA: _____
(Starting UC Graduate GPA MUST be a minimum 3.50 for application consideration)

Applicant Signature & Date _____
Signature Date

For Office Use Only:

_____ **Approved:** _____
Signature Date

_____ **Denied:** _____
Signature Date