

Finance and Economics

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The Department of Finance and Economics offers the following graduate degrees through the college of Business.

- Master of Arts in Economics
- Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance
- Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration with a concentration in Economics

The department also participates in the interdisciplinary Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. See the College of Business Administration section of this publication for MBA and PhD information.

Master of Arts in Economics

The Master of Arts in Economics program provides training in economic science to prepare graduates for professional positions in business, government, and education. Students receive training in the academic and applied skills necessary to establish and maintain a successful career or to prepare for further graduate work in economics or related fields.

Admission Criteria

An applicant must meet all University graduate admission requirements and achieve acceptable scores on each major section of the GRE (verbal, quantitative, and analytical). For full admission to the program, the student must have previously completed intermediate microeconomics and intermediate macroeconomics or otherwise demonstrate a thorough understanding of basic economic theory and an ability to perform graduate-level work in economics. Students from all undergraduate majors are invited to apply; however, it is highly desirable for prospective students to have completed additional economics, statistics, and mathematics courses before enrolling in the M.A. program. We admit students every other year; we are scheduled to admit new students for Fall 2017 and subsequent odd-numbered years.

Provisional Admission

An applicant who has not fully met the GPA requirement stipulated by the University may be admitted on a provisional basis. The provisionally-admitted student is eligible for a change to regular status after receiving a 3.00 GPA on the first 9 hours of graduate courses at Mississippi State University (with no grade lower than a C). The first 9 hours of graduate courses must be within the student's program of study. Courses with an S grade, transfer credits, or credits earned while in Unclassified status cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. If a 3.00 is not attained, the provisional student **shall** be dismissed from the graduate program. Academic departments may set higher standards for students to fulfill provisional requirements; a student admitted with provisional status should contact the graduate coordinator for the program's specific requirements. **While in the provisional status, a student is not eligible to hold a graduate assistantship.**

Academic Performance

A grade of C or better is required on all undergraduate prerequisite courses. A student in any graduate degree program in the College of Business may not continue in the program with grades below B in more than 6 hours of **core** graduate coursework after admission to the program, regardless of the overall average. Thus, any program is terminated automatically when a seventh credit hour below B is recorded on **core** graduate coursework.

Master of Arts in Economics - Thesis

Core Courses

EC 8133	Econometrics I	3
EC 8163	Microeconomics I	3
EC 8173	Macroeconomics I	3

Additional Coursework

EC XXXX	Graduate-level coursework	15
EC 8000	Thesis Research/ Thesis in Economics	6

Total Hours		30
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Each M.A. student prepares a program of study with consultation from the graduate advisor and a program committee. The student may choose to take field courses from a wide variety of areas within economics.

Master of Arts in Economics - Non-Thesis

Core Courses

EC 8133	Econometrics I	3
EC 8163	Microeconomics I	3
EC 8173	Macroeconomics I	3

Additional Coursework

EC XXXX	Graduate-level coursework	21
Total Hours		30

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Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, Finance Concentration

See the Business Administration - Ph.D. Programs of Study (<http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2018-19/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/business/business-administration-phd/#programsofstudytext>).

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, Economics Concentration

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