

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

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

Because the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Economics is normally an incidental degree on the way to a doctoral degree, the Department of Finance and Economics does not typically offer a terminal M.A. degree. In rare circumstances, the Graduate Coordinator may approve an application for a terminal M.A. degree. However, in almost all cases, graduate students will earn the M.A. on the way to receiving their doctoral degree or if they leave the Ph.D. program after completing all necessary requirements for the M.A.

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**

In the rare case where the Graduate Coordinator approves an application for a terminal M.A. degree, the M.A. student will prepare 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
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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/2022-23/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/business/business-administration-phd/#programsofstudyttext/>).