

Master of Arts (MA) Economics

Degree Program

- The MA in Economics requires 30 credit hours; at least 21 of these credit hours must be completed in residence.
- Candidates need not have an undergraduate degree in economics.
 - However, students are expected to have taken intermediate micro- and macro-economics, mathematical economics and introductory econometrics prior to the beginning of the core curriculum. Students that do not have these courses will take these courses first; credits earned in these courses do not count towards the 30 hours required for the MA.
- The curriculum includes 9 credit hours of requirements:
 - Microeconomic Analysis (5001)
 - Macroeconomic Analysis (5002)
 - Econometric Theory and Methods (5100)
 - The remaining 21 credit hours are electives; up to 9 of these elective credit hours (subject to Graduate Director approval) may be taken in related disciplines outside of economics (e.g., Business or Mathematics).

Emphasis Areas

- General
- Business Economics

Program Website

<http://www.umsi.edu/~econ/Programs/MA.html>

Application Requirements:

1. Application
 - a. <http://www.umsi.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html>
2. Two letters of Recommendation
 - a. Letters that address academic potential must be provided by individuals who can accurately assess it such as previous instructors, professors, etc.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
 - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
 - b. Applicants from other countries are encouraged to provide a course by course report from one of three professional evaluation organizations in the United States – World Education Services (WES), Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE), or the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). Applications that include transcripts certified by one of these organizations take less time to process, which normally shortens the length of time it takes for an admission decision to be made.
4. Entrance examinations
 - a. The Graduate Record Examination General Test is required (see <http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 3.00 on 4.0 scale.

Application Deadline (for domestic applicants)

Fall semester: July 1

Spring Semester: December 1

Summer Semester: May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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