

ECONOMICS - M.A.E.

Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship
Department of Economics
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About This Program

Our Master of Arts in Economics program is designed to equip you with advanced economic knowledge and skills needed to thrive in various careers. With experienced faculty, research opportunities, and industry connections, you'll receive a top-notch education that prepares you for a successful career in economics. Read more...

Contact Information

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Data scientists and mathematical science occupations, all other

- 30.9% much faster than the average
- 33,200 number of jobs
- \$98,230 potential earnings

Economics teachers, postsecondary

- 5.2% faster than the average
- 16,800 number of jobs
- \$107,260 potential earnings

Economists

- 14.1% much faster than the average
- 20,500 number of jobs
- \$108,350 potential earnings

Statisticians

- 34.6% much faster than the average
- 42,700 number of jobs
- \$92,270 potential earnings

Management analysts

- 10.7% much faster than the average
- 876,300 number of jobs
- \$87,660 potential earnings

Accreditation

AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Résumé
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation (*starting with spring 2026 admission term, two letters of recommendation will be required*)
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:¹
 - Minimum 79 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
 - Minimum 58 PTE score
 - Minimum 110 DET score

Undergraduate students who are applying to the combined bachelor's/master's program with the M.A.E. degree must have earned a minimum 60 credit hours (junior standing) and have a minimum 3.200 overall GPA. *Starting with the spring 2026 admission term, a minimum 3.000 overall GPA is required, and the requirements of two recommendation letters is waived.*

¹ International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Funding deadline: February 15
Applications must be submitted by these deadlines to be considered for an assistantship or any other funded position.
 - Application deadline: February 15 (international student) and June 1 (domestic student)
Applications submitted after these deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis.
- **Spring Semester**
 - Funding deadline: October 15
Applications must be submitted by these deadlines to be considered for an assistantship or any other funded position.

- Application deadline: October 15 (international student) and November 15 (domestic student)
Applications submitted after these deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
ECON 62050	MICROECONOMIC THEORY I	3
ECON 62051	MACROECONOMIC THEORY I	3
ECON 62054	ECONOMETRICS I	3
ECON 62056	TIME SERIES ANALYSIS	3
Concentrations		
Choose from the following:		18
Economic Analysis		
Financial Economics		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

Economic Analysis Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
ECON 52050	DATA ACQUISITION, PREPARATION AND VISUALIZATION	3
or ECON 62052	DATA ACQUISITION AND PREPARATION FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH	
ECON 62055	ECONOMETRICS II	3
ECON 64004	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION I	3
Concentration Electives, choose from the following:		9
ECON 62092	INTERNSHIP IN ECONOMICS ¹	
ECON 62199	THESIS I ²	
MATH 50011	PROBABILITY THEORY AND APPLICATIONS	
MATH 50012	THEORY OF STATISTICS	
MATH 50059	STOCHASTIC ACTUARIAL MODELS	
MATH 51021	THEORY OF MATRICES	
Approved Economics (ECON) Graduate Courses (50000 level or higher) ³		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		18

¹ Students selecting ECON 62092 must also complete either ECON 62199 or two additional Economics (ECON) courses for a total of 9 credit hours.

² Students selecting the ECON 62199 must also complete either ECON 62092 or one additional Economics (ECON) course for a total of 9 credit hours.

³ Students may select any graduate-level Economics (ECON) courses subject to the approval of the graduate coordinator.

Financial Economics Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
ECON 62092	INTERNSHIP IN ECONOMICS ¹	3
FIN 56055	ADVANCED DERIVATIVE SECURITIES	3
FIN 56056	ADVANCED FIXED INCOME MANAGEMENT	3

FIN 56059	APPLIED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES	3
FIN 56067	ADVANCED PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS	3
Concentration Elective, choose from the following:		3
MATH 50011	PROBABILITY THEORY AND APPLICATIONS	
MATH 50012	THEORY OF STATISTICS	
MATH 50059	STOCHASTIC ACTUARIAL MODELS	
MATH 51021	THEORY OF MATRICES	
Approved Economics (ECON) or Finance (FIN) Graduate Courses (50000 level or higher) ²		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		18

¹ Students may, instead, select any graduate-level Economics (ECON) or Finance (FIN) courses (60000 level or higher) subject to the approval of the graduate coordinator.

² Students may select any graduate-level Economics (ECON) or Finance (FIN) courses subject to the approval of the graduate coordinator.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- Students entering the program will be expected to have completed undergraduate courses in intermediate microeconomic and macroeconomic theory, differential calculus and statistics. Any deficiencies must be made up before the start of the program. These background courses do not count toward the 30 credit hours required for the M.A.E. degree.
- Students may also select, with departmental approval, a limited number of courses outside the Department of Economics.
- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand and apply fundamental economic concepts.
2. Formulate and test hypotheses.
3. Access and use appropriate information.
4. Demonstrate analytic and quantitative skills.

Full Description

The Master of Arts in Economics degree provides prepares graduates for a career as an analyst in government or the private sector, as well as for doctoral study.

The Economics major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Economic Analysis** concentration has a distinct advantage for students in its focus on the development of strong analytical and quantitative skills. Students are well-trained in the application of economic theory and methods of statistical analysis.
- The **Financial Economics** concentration is primarily designed for students who wish to pursue careers in the financial services

industry, including commercial banking, investment banking, insurance, real estate and financial advising.