ECONOMICS - M.A.E.

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Fully Offered
- Kent Campus

Admission Terms

- Fall
- Spring

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.

Accreditation

AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- GMAT or GRE scores (GMAT/GRE requirement will be waived for applicants who graduated with the Kent State undergraduate Economics major or minor or the Data Analytics minor within the past five years)
- Goal statement
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 80 TOEFL IBT score (internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

Undergraduate Economics or Finance major 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. In addition, students in the B.B.A. degree in Finance must have earned a minimum B grade in ECON 32040.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

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.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Concentrations

Choose from the following: 18
- Economic Analysis
- Financial Economics

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

Economic Analysis Concentration Requirements

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Internship, Thesis or Electives, choose from the following: 6
- ECON 62092 | INTERNSHIP IN ECONOMICS ²                  |              |
ECON 62199 THESIS I

Approved Electives 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

1 Students may be allowed to substitute an equivalent course with department approval.

2 Students selecting the internship must also complete an additional Economics (ECON) elective for total 6 credit hours.

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

Financial Economics Concentration Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

1 Students selecting the internship must also complete an additional elective, for a total of 6 credit hours.

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

Graduation Requirements

- 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.