

2009-2010 Graduate Calendar

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Introduction

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Email Address

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Complete policy at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies>.

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MA Program

The MA program contains core courses in theory and quantitative methods. Fields are offered in most areas of economics.

Admission Requirements

The university requires that students have the equivalent of an honours degree at the baccalaureate level.

Admission to the MA program requires that students have a solid background in economic theory and econometrics from a recognized undergraduate program. Normally, the Department requires a 'B+' (upper-second class) average as a minimum.

Students whose background is not in economics but who are otherwise outstanding should consult the Department website for further information. Applicants whose background in economics is difficult to evaluate may be granted admission as a provisional graduate student for one semester. If, at the end of the semester, the Department is satisfied with the student's progress, it will recommend to the Dean of Graduate Studies that the student be transferred to regular graduate student status.

The first round of admission decisions is made at the end of February.

Degree Requirements

The MA requires the completion of 4 course credits. Most one-semester courses have 0.5 course credits. With approval from the Department, up to 1 credit of the required 4 credits can be taken outside the Department of Economics. However students may, with approval, take additional courses from other Departments provided that their program includes at least six course equivalents (3.0 credits) from the Department of Economics. The minimum duration of the program is 2 semesters of full-time study as a regular graduate student.

There are two main routes to the MA in Economics: by course work and major paper, and by course work and thesis. Most candidates pursue the first route.

MA Core

Usually it takes three semesters to complete the requirements for the MA though it is possible to intensify the program and complete it in two semesters.

The program of study includes three core courses (ECON*6000, ECON*6020 and, at the discretion of the graduate committee, ECON*6180 or ECON*6140).

The alternative econometrics sequences are designed to benefit students with different undergraduate backgrounds. Students with a satisfactory record of undergraduate work in econometrics will be required to take ECON*6140, while those with less undergraduate preparation will be required to take ECON*6180. The course ECON*6050 is offered primarily to students outside the Department but is available to incoming MA students as an extra course in preparation for ECON*6180.

MA Options

In addition to the core (1.5 credits), students may take one of the following two options. The vast majority of students choose option 1.

1. 1.5 graduate course credits and the Research Project - ECON*6940 (1.0 credit)
2. 0.5 graduate course credits and a Thesis.

PhD Program

The objective of the PhD program is to train individuals who already have a strong background in economics to become independent and skilled researchers, in preparation for a career in academia, government or the private sector. Course offerings cover a broad range of topics in theoretical and applied economics. PhD candidates may write a dissertation in any of the areas of expertise of the graduate faculty in the Department. In addition, the Department participates in a collaborative PhD program in International Development Studies.

Graduates are expected to have demonstrated competence at an advanced level in the core areas of Microeconomic theory, Macroeconomic theory, and Econometrics, to have demonstrated competence at the cutting edge of knowledge in their area of specialization and advanced competence in at least one other area, and to have demonstrated mature scholarship, research and communication abilities.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the PhD program should have a master's degree in economics with a minimum average of 80% (A-) in their postgraduate studies. Applicants without a master's degree but with an outstanding record at the baccalaureate level, may be admitted initially to the MA program in economics. For students who achieve a superior record and show an aptitude for research, The Board of Graduate Studies, on the recommendation of the Department, may authorize transfer to the PhD program without requiring the student to complete a master's degree.

Degree Requirements

The program requires the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 12 courses covering core theory, econometrics, and field courses. (Students with an MA will be given credit for courses already in hand, where appropriate). The following sequence of milestones represents the typical path through the PhD program.

Year I: Core Courses

Students must complete the following courses, in preparation for the comprehensive examinations in economic theory, which is written at the end of Year I:

Econometrics

ECON*6140	[0.50]	Econometrics I
ECON*6160	[0.50]	Econometrics II

Theory

ECON*6000	[0.50]	Microeconomic Theory I
ECON*6010	[0.50]	Microeconomic Theory II
ECON*6020	[0.50]	Macroeconomic Theory I

ECON*6040 [0.50] Macroeconomic Theory II

Year II: Dissertation Proposal

After the theory comprehensive exams are passed, students must prepare a Ph.D. proposal under the supervision of a faculty member. Proposals are presented to the Department at a symposium, and upon acceptance the Graduate Coordinator will notify the Dean of Graduate Studies that the student has passed the "Qualifying Examination" requirement as set out by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. At this point, the student becomes a "candidate" for the PhD.

Year III and IV: Thesis

Submission and defence of an acceptable thesis on a topic approved by the student's advisory committee completes the requirements for the PhD. The thesis is expected to be a significant and original contribution to knowledge in its field and must demonstrate scholarship and critical judgement on the part of the candidate. Theses must be submitted within 48 months of completing the minimum duration.

Interdepartmental Programs**Collaborative International Development Studies MA Program (IDS)**

The Department of Economics participates in the collaborative International Development Studies (IDS) program. Applicants for this program enter through one of the participating departments; course selections are based, in part, on the applicant's primary discipline. Those faculty members in the Department of Economics whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of international development studies may serve as advisors for these MA students. Please consult the International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of the MA collaborative program including the special additional requirements for each of the participating departments.

Business Studies MBA Program

The Department of Economics participates in the MBA program in the fields of agribusiness management which is offered by the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Courses**Economic Theory****ECON*6000 Microeconomic Theory I U [0.50]**

A first graduate course in microeconomics, presenting a rigorous treatment of consumer theory, producer theory, applications of duality, partial equilibrium, general equilibrium and the fundamental theorems of welfare economics.

ECON*6010 Microeconomic Theory II U [0.50]

Advanced topics in modern microeconomics to include elements of game theory, information economics, economics of risk and uncertainty, the theory of incentives and others.

Prerequisite(s): ECON*6000

ECON*6020 Macroeconomic Theory I U [0.50]

A first graduate course in macroeconomics, presenting a rigorous introduction to the tools and basic models of dynamic general equilibrium theory. The topics covered include economic growth and development, economic fluctuations, and monetary and fiscal policies.

ECON*6040 Macroeconomic Theory II U [0.50]

This course considers the dynamics resulting from intertemporal optimization models. Foundations of unemployment theory. Approaches to business cycles. Models of long-run growth.

Prerequisite(s): ECON*6020

ECON*6090 Game Theory U [0.50]

This course introduces the student to game theory, which is an important tool for modelling economic situations with multi-person interaction. Economic applications such as oligopoly, bargaining, auctions, and public goods provision will be discussed. Broader applications to voting games, candidate strategy, war games, and parlour games will also be briefly discussed. Students need to be very familiar with optimization and single person decision-making.

ECON*6100 Experimental Economics U [0.50]

This course examines the use of the experimental methodology in economics. We will study how experiments have been used to test theories in many subfields within economics. In the process, students will learn how to construct and run economics experiments and analyze experimental data.

ECON*6110 Mathematical Economics U [0.50]

This course introduces students to the mathematical techniques used in advanced economic analysis. Topics covered in any year: analysis of dynamic economic models and optimization in dynamic economic models.

Econometrics**ECON*6050 Introduction to Econometric Methods U [0.50]**

Introduction to the specification, estimation and testing of economic models. Topics include the classical linear regression model, t tests, structure tests, specification error, the consequences of the violation of the classical assumptions, detection and correction of autocorrelation and heteroscedasticity.

ECON*6140 Econometrics I U [0.50]

Topics include a review of the classical linear regression model, applications of generalized least squares, maximum likelihood methods and various statistical test procedures.

ECON*6160 Econometrics II U [0.50]

Topics include maximum likelihood as a method of estimation and inference, nonlinear estimation and simultaneous equations. Also more specialized topics such as limited-dependent-variable models and non-parametric regression methods may be covered.

ECON*6170 Topics in Econometrics U [0.50]

This is an advanced econometrics topics course that covers the area of non-parametric and semiparametric estimation and testing of econometrics models, including time series and panel data semiparametric models.

ECON*6180 Econometric Methods U [0.50]

This course follows ECON*6050. It covers estimation by instrumental variables, estimations of simultaneous systems, asymptotic distribution theory, maximum likelihood estimation, binary choice and limited dependent variable models, and issues in time series analysis.

Economic History**ECON*6200 Economic History U [0.50]**

This course considers topics in economic history which vary from year to year. The emphasis will be usually on late-19th or 20th century topics and often involves a world emphasis. Student presentations and papers form a large part of the course.

ECON*6370 Economic Development in Historical Perspective U [0.50]

This course will examine the experience of economic development focusing on the emergence of the Third World. Topics for discussion will vary from year to year; they may include the impact of trade expansion during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the role of manufacturing as a leading sector, statist vs. the new classical approaches to government policy, and others.

Money and Finance**ECON*6320 International Finance U [0.50]**

This course deals with the theoretical policy and issues of international finance. Topics may include exchange rate determination, capital flows in international markets, the financing of trade flows, and open economy macroeconomic models and policy issues.

ECON*6390 Empirical Finance and Financial Econometrics U [0.50]

This course covers topics in empirical finance, involving the integration of financial theory, financial econometrics, and data analysis. Students will learn how empirical research in finance is conducted through reading involving both textbooks and journal articles and from conducting an independent research project.

Co-requisite(s): ECON*6140

ECON*6490 Monetary and Finance Theory U [0.50]

This course examines selected topics in monetary and finance theory. Topics may include: contingent claims markets, arbitrage asset-pricing, portfolio models, firm capital structure, government debt, real business cycles, cash-in-advance models, spatial money models, overlapping generations models, and traditional models of the demand and supply of money and monetary policy.

Developmental Economics**ECON*6350 Economic Development U [0.50]**

This course examines economic development from an international perspective: theories, history, policies and prospects.

Labour Economics**ECON*6600 Labour Economics U [0.50]**

Major themes in labour market theory including static and dynamic labour demand and supply, migration and wage structures and dynamics, unemployment, migration and the role of social programs.

ECON*6610 Topics in Labour Economics U [0.50]

This course complements ECON*6600. Topics include advanced issues in family labour supply, human capital, wage bargaining and contract theory, search theory, duration analysis and its application to major labour market spells such as employment and unemployment.

Environmental and Resource Economics

ECON*6800 Environmental Economics U [0.50]

A topics course concerning the interrelationships between economic activities and the state of the natural environment. Topics may include: pollution and economic growth; energy use and environmental quality; international trade and pollution; policies for controlling pollution; techniques for assessing the benefits of environmental improvement.

ECON*6810 Economic Theory of Natural Resources Use U [0.50]

This course examines economic models of the use of non-renewable resources to analyze issues such as resource conservation, sustainable development, taxation of resource rents, and price determination in resource markets.

Other

ECON*6300 International Trade Theory U [0.50]

This course provides a rigorous treatment of both positive and normative aspects of trade theory through extensive use of general equilibrium models under varying assumptions. Topics may also include barriers to trade, international factor movements, growth and development, and strategic trade policy.

ECON*6400 Public Finance U [0.50]

This course surveys the normative theory of the public sector. Topics may include public expenditure theory, tax theory, cost benefit analysis and fiscal federalism.

ECON*6650 Economics of Social Welfare U [0.50]

This course deals with the analysis of social welfare programs, concentrating on national health insurance. It covers their structure, incentives and distribution effects, and includes empirical analysis of existing programs.

ECON*6700 Industrial and Market Organization U [0.50]

The major topics of industrial organization are analyzed from both a game theoretic perspective and from a Structure-Conduct-Performance perspective. Typical topics include: oligopoly theory, determinants of industrial structure, Coase theorem, market entry, advertising, research and development, product differentiation, and price discrimination.

ECON*6750 Managerial Economics U [0.50]

The course introduces students to the latest developments in the economic analysis of the inside workings and organization of firms. The course tries to explain the diversity of economic organizations, and more generally why economic activity is sometimes carried out through firms and sometimes through markets. For graduate students outside the Department of Economics.

ECON*6770 Financial Management U [0.50]

This course examines the implications of financing decisions made by firms in a world of uncertainty. Topics such as capital budgeting, capital structure, dividend policy, market efficiency and capital asset pricing will be analyzed from the perspective of corporate finance and portfolio management theory. Co-requisite: AGEC*6070. For graduate students outside the Department of Economics.

ECON*6930 Reading Course U [0.50]

In some circumstances, students may arrange to take a reading course under the direction of a faculty member.

ECON*6940 Research Project U [1.00]

All students who choose the research project option in the MA program will register in this course. Research projects are written under the direct supervision of a faculty member. Normally, research projects are completed within one or two semesters. Students must make a presentation of their work and a copy of the final report must be submitted to the Department before the final grade is submitted to Graduate Program Services.