

# Masters Program in Economic Theory

Utah State University, Huntsman School of Business

## Introduction

The Master of Science (MS) and Masters of Arts (MA) degrees in Economic Theory offered through the Department of Economics and Finance, Huntsman School of Business, are primarily intended to prepare students for subsequent doctoral study in Economics. Consequently, students are required to take the same first-year core theory and econometrics courses as the PhD students. Students that choose to do an MA are required to satisfy the foreign language requirement by earning an additional 15 credits in the study of a foreign language.

Our graduates in Economics are well prepared to continue their studies at the doctoral level. Graduates have recently continued their studies at a variety of institutions, including Brown University, the University of Oregon, Harvard Law School, University of California at Irvine, and George Mason University.

## Admission Requirements

Admission to the Masters program in the Department of Economics and Finance, Huntsman School of Business, requires a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (4.0 = A) for the last 60 semester credits earned prior to applying for the program. Educational requirements include previous bachelors (BA or BS) level (or above) courses in intermediate microeconomic theory, econometrics/statistics, and mathematical economics/calculus. Students whose prior academic performance warrants admission, although some of these courses have not been taken, may be admitted provisionally. These students will be required to make up deficiencies by enrolling in appropriate courses prior to beginning the Masters program.

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. GRE scores should be included with the application. Scores must be at or above the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile for both the quantitative and verbal portions of the examination. A TOEFL score is also required of all students whose native tongue is not English. Application forms and more information about application requirements (such as GRE and TOEFL scores) can be found online at <http://www.usu.edu/graduateschool/> or by phoning 435-797-1189.

## **Program Requirements**

A student must earn a minimum of 30 credits above a bachelor's degree for Plan A (thesis) or Plan B (research paper), or 33 credits for Plan C (coursework only). For Plan A students, these credit requirements include a minimum of 6 (maximum of 15) thesis research credits. For Plan B students, these credit requirements include a minimum of 2 (maximum of 3) thesis research credits. The thesis or Plan B paper is typically completed by the end of the second fall semester or the end of the second spring semester.

The Plan of Study (POS) is as follows:

### First Fall Semester (12 credits)

Macroeconomic Theory 1 (Econ 7230)  
Microeconomic Theory 1 (Econ 7130)  
Mathematical Economics 1 (Econ 7350)  
Econometrics 1 (Econ 7310)

### First Spring Semester (12 credits)

Macroeconomic Theory 2 (Econ 7240)  
Microeconomic Theory 2 (Econ 7140)  
Mathematical Economics 2 (Econ 7360)  
Econometrics 2 (Econ 7320)

### Second Fall Semester (Plan B and C only)

Additional 6000-level or above economics courses as required.

## **For More Information**

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## Faculty of the Department of Applied Economics

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Field of Interest</u>
Bailey, DeeVon	Professor	PhD	Texas A&M University	1983	Agricultural economics and marketing
Bentley, Marion	Extension Specialist – Human Resources	MS	New York University	1970	Manpower economics
Caplan, Arthur J.	Associate Professor/ Grad Program Dir.	PhD	University of Oregon	1996	Environmental economics, applied microeconomics
Feuz, Dillon	Professor	PhD	Colorado State University	1990	Livestock marketing and farm management
Godfrey, E. Bruce	Professor	PhD	Oregon State University	1971	Agricultural and resource economics
Jakus, Paul	Professor	PhD	North Carolina State University	1992	Environmental economics and natural resource economics
Keith, John	Professor	PhD	Utah State University	1973	Agricultural and resource economics
Lyon, Kenneth	Professor	PhD	University of Chicago	1970	Economic and mathematical theory
Oladi, Reza	Associate Professor	PhD	McGill University	2000	International economics, microeconomics
Snyder, Donald	Professor	PhD	Utah State University	1979	Resource economics and production
Ward, Ruby	Assistant Professor	PhD	Texas A&M University	1998	Agribusiness management and operations research

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