

ECONOMICS - MASTER OF ARTS

Economics - Master of Arts (no Concentration)

Candidates for the Master of Arts in economics must successfully complete a minimum of 30 graduate credits (concentrations may require more than 30 graduate credits). At least 12 credits beyond the core courses (AEEC 5120 Microeconomic Theory, AEEC 5130 Macroeconomic Theory, AEEC 5240 Econometrics) must be earned by taking courses taught by economics faculty members in the Department of Economics, Applied Statistics and International Business. At least two of the three core courses must be completed at NMSU. Twenty-one of the credits must have one of the four following prefixes: AEEC, ECON, ECDV, or AG E. At least twenty-four of the credits must be associated with courses numbered 500/5000 or above. All students must meet the requirements specified in the general regulations and requirements for admission to the Graduate School and to candidacy. Students preparing to enter the program are encouraged to complete the following:

1. one course in intermediate microeconomic theory and one course in macroeconomic theory with minimum grades of B;
2. one course in college-level calculus; and
3. one course in statistics, including simple regression.

Those students not having completed these courses may be admitted with the requirement that the deficiencies be completed at the beginning of the graduate program.

The Master of Arts in Economics (regulatory economics) may be completed either face-to-face or online

All students in the program must successfully complete a minimum of 30 credits including the following:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
AEEC 5120	Microeconomic Theory	3
AEEC 5130	Macroeconomic Theory	3
AEEC 5240	Econometrics	3
Electives, subject to the restrictions above.		21
Total Credits		30

Notes:

1. No more than one course with a grade less than B can be used to fulfill the requirements for the MA Econ degree.
2. ECON 503 Managerial Economics cannot be counted toward the major in Economics.
3. A maximum of nine hours of approved transfer credit (with minimum grades of A) may be applied toward the degree.

Teaching and research assistantships are available to qualified applicants; however, admission to the program does not imply or guarantee an assistantship. It is not necessary to have an undergraduate degree in economics to enter the graduate program or to receive financial assistance.

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The Master's Accelerated Program allows qualifying NMSU undergraduate economics students to take up to 6 graduate credits—two upper-level economics courses (450 and above)—while completing their undergraduate degree. These courses can be applied toward both their undergraduate and master's degrees.

Qualifications: Juniors with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 and seniors with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 are eligible to participate in this program, provided they have completed the following courses with a grade of B or higher:

1. ECON 2110G Macroeconomic Principles
2. ECON 2120G Principles of Microeconomics Honors
3. ECON 304 Money and Banking
4. ECON 311 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
5. ECON 312 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
6. ECON 405 Introductory Econometrics

Eligible courses: Students may select any two of the following courses to count toward both the master's degree and the required upper-division courses for their undergraduate degree:

Prefix	Title	Credits
ECON 450	International Economics	3
ECON 457	Mathematical Economics	3
ECON 471	Electricity Economics	3
ECON 498	Independent Study (ECON 498 is to be substituted for ECON 489 Senior Economics Seminar.)	1-3

Or any ECON courses 450 and above

Note: ECON 503 Managerial Economics is a core course for the NMSU College of Business MBA Program. It is NOT approved as a course in the MA-ECON Program.

General Information: For tuition purposes, students will be considered undergraduates for tuition purposes until they complete their undergraduate degree requirements. During this time, they will continue to be charged tuition and fees at the undergraduate rate and remain eligible for undergraduate scholarships. Students are encouraged to contact their financial aid advisor to discuss federal aid eligibility and how participation in the program may affect their financial aid package. Additionally, students must meet all application deadlines and program requirements for both their undergraduate and graduate programs to remain eligible for the Master's Accelerated Program.