

ECONOMICS (PUBLIC UTILITY POLICY AND REGULATION) - MASTER OF ARTS

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 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.

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 be admitted to the graduate program nor to receive financial assistance.

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

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 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.

Prefix	Title	Credits
Additional Required Courses for a Concentration in Regulatory Economics		
ECON 571	Regulatory Policy and Industry Analysis: Electricity I	3

ECON 572	Regulatory Policy and Industrial Analysis: Water and Natural Gas	3
ECON 573	Regulatory Policy and Industry Analysis: Electricity II	3
ECON 574	Advanced Seminar Regulatory Policy and Industry Analysis	3
Total Credits		12