

Economics (PhD)

The Department of Economics offers graduate study and research in the core areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics and in a broad selection of applied areas. Current area offerings are listed in the graduate program's handbooks.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

Applicants may apply directly to the PhD degree program. Admission to the PhD program requires significant prior training in economics and mathematics.

Total Hours Required: 93

Requirements

To obtain the Doctor of Philosophy degree, students must complete the requirements for the Master of Science in Economics degree, as well as the following requirements:

1. Students must complete the comprehensive exam requirements.
2. Students must pass the second-year paper requirement.
3. Starting with the third year, students must participate in the writing seminar for their area of specialization and must make significant progress on their research by the end of each academic year.
4. Students must complete a minimum of six credit hours of dissertation.
5. Finally, students must write a dissertation of original research and have the dissertation approved by their dissertation committee following an oral defense.

Most students finish their degree in five years with 93 total credit hours, but some take six years with 111 total credit hours. This includes credits for writing seminar, research, and dissertation courses taken in the third and later years. These requirements are described in more detail in the Department's MSEcon, PhD Program Handbook. This degree is a STEM Designated Degree Program, as identified by the Department of Homeland Security for purposes of the 24-month STEM optional practical training extension.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the following requirements and policies:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		