ECONOMICS, M.S.

There are two M.S. in Economics Named Option degrees. The M.S. Named Option in Graduate Foundations is a terminal master’s degree that students apply to directly. See information about the Graduate Foundations program here ([http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-graduate-foundations-ms/#text](http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-graduate-foundations-ms/#text)). The other M.S. Named Option Economics degree is part of the Ph.D. program and does not admit students directly.

ADMISSIONS

Students apply to the Master of Science in Economics through the named option or the Ph.D.:

- The Economics ([http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-economics-ms/](http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-economics-ms/)) named option is offered for work leading to the Ph.D. Students may not apply directly for the master's, and should instead see the admissions information for the Ph.D ([https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/economics/economics-phd/#admissionstext](https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/economics/economics-phd/#admissionstext)).
- Graduate Foundations ([https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-graduate-foundations-ms/](https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-graduate-foundations-ms/))

FUNDING

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information ([https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/](https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/)) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements ([http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext](http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext)), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement

15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School’s Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy ([https://policy.wisc.edu/library/economics-ms/economics-economics-ms/](https://policy.wisc.edu/library/economics-ms/economics-economics-ms/)).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement

3.00 GPA required.

This program follows the Graduate School’s GPA Requirement policy ([https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/](https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)).

Other Grade Requirements

See Named Options for policy information.

Assessments and Examinations

See Named Options for policy information.

Language Requirements

No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

Select a Named Option (p. 1) for courses required.

NAMED OPTIONS

A named option is a formally documented sub-major within an academic major program. Named options appear on the transcript with degree conferral. Students pursuing the Master of Science in Economics must select one of the following named options:

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ECONOMICS: ECONOMICS, M.S. ([http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-economics-ms/](http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-economics-ms/))

ECONOMICS: GRADUATE FOUNDATIONS, M.S. ([http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-graduate-foundations-ms/](http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-graduate-foundations-ms/))

POLICIES

Students should refer to one of the named options for policy information:

- Economics ([http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-economics-ms/](http://guide.wisc.edu/archive/2023-2024/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-economics-ms/))
- Graduate Foundations ([https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-graduate-foundations-ms/](https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/economics/economics-ms/economics-graduate-foundations-ms/))

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School’s professional development resources ([https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/](https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/)) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.
LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrates understanding of core economic principles and theories in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics.
2. Uses econometric methods to communicate empirical questions in writing.
3. Conducts empirical research following ethical principles of the discipline for using sources.

PEOPLE

Professors: Barwick, Chinn, Corbae, Deneckere, Engel, Fu, B. Hansen, Hendricks, Houde, Kennan, Lentz, Porter, Rostek, Ruhl, Seshadri, Shi, J. Smith, L. Smith, Sorensen, Taber, Weretka, West, Wiswall, Wright

Associate Professors: Aizawa, Gregory, Kang, Irpalani, Quint, Swanson

Assistant Professors: Bernard, Boerma, Braxton, Camboni, Chiang, Coulibay, Cox, Magnolfi, Martellini, Mommaerts, O’Connell, Sullivan, Yata

Affiliated Faculty: Chang, Chung, Montgomery, Sarada, Schechter, Smeeding

Instructional Staff: Alder (Faculty Associate), Chan (Lecturer), Eudey (Senior Lecturer), Friedman (Lecturer), Glawtschew (Lecturer), D. Hansen (Lecturer), K. Hansen (Senior Lecturer), Johnson (Senior Lecturer), McKelvey (Lecturer), Pac (Senior Lecturer), Rick (Senior Lecturer), Trost (lecturer)