

POLICY ECONOMICS, MA

The Master of Arts in Policy Economics at Tulane University integrates economic analysis and quantitative methods in a program of study designed for practitioners. Successful students will be prepared to enter the job market with a set of analytical skills designed for economic policy analysis. Whereas a Ph.D. in economics is a research degree, the M.A. in Policy Economics provides a curriculum of applied analysis and quantitative techniques better suited for the practitioner of economics.

This program provides students with a deep and broad exposure to the analytical methods of modern economics that can be applied to policy settings, without requiring the advanced mathematics training that is only essential to academic researchers. The program builds on the strengths of the bachelor's degrees in Economics at Tulane by increasing the required number of economics courses and expanding their rigor and depth. In courses offered jointly with the undergraduates, M.A. students are held to higher academic standards and are generally assigned supplementary research work. Successful students can expect to complete at least seven applied projects in the course of earning the M.A. degree.

Requirements

Masters Program Sample Course Schedule

Internal Applicants (4 + 1)

Internal applicants (4 + 1) must satisfy all remaining bachelor's degree requirements in their senior year in the undergraduate program. In satisfying these requirements, they may take at most 4 6000-level courses in economics (12 credit hours) that will also count towards the degree of M.A. in Policy Economics. The remaining 24 credit hours must be taken after graduation from their undergraduate program. ONLY 6 credit hours can count towards BOTH undergraduate and graduate degree. In addition, up to 6 additional credit hours taken while an undergraduate that do NOT count toward the undergraduate degree/are taken in excess of hours required for undergraduate degree can be applied for credit toward the graduate.

Year 1		Credit Hours
ECON 6230	Econometrics	3
Select three Masters Electives ¹		9
Credit Hours		12
Year 2		
Select eight Masters Electives ²		24
Credit Hours		24
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ Masters Electives are 6000-level economics courses.

² With the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, courses in other departments may also serve as Masters Electives.

External Applicants

M.A. students not in the B.A./M.A. or B.S./M.A. track can complete the program in either 3 or 4 semesters. In the first year they should enroll in ECON 6230 Econometrics (3 c.h.). In addition, they will take 11 Masters Electives during their course of study.