MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF APPLIED ECONOMICS

The master of arts (MA) in applied economics provides students with the tools needed to succeed as economists in today’s data-driven world. The program teaches students how to draw meaningful implications from economic data, to apply economic theory and quantitative methods to answer real-world policy questions, and to integrate economic analysis into their professional lives.

The program helps students develop the ability to communicate ideas through coursework, workshops, and intensive data and economic analysis. The program is offered both full- and part time to accommodate students’ work schedules. Graduate certificate programs in areas such as data science, budget and public finance, accountancy, financial management, and digital marketing may be pursued simultaneously.

Graduates of the applied economics program are prepared for positions as economic analysts in government, private consulting firms, financial institutions, international organizations, and applied policy research institutions. Coursework integrating academic scholarship with hands-on research and data projects prepares graduates to enter the job market with proven skills to succeed as economists in today’s data-driven world.

Program students come from the United States and around the world and are a mix of recent graduates and students with years of work experience.

The MA in applied economics is a STEM-designated program.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:
- Fall: April 1 (February 1 for applicants who wish to be considered for a fellowship)
- Spring: October 1

Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Introductory requirement:
- Microeconomics courses (with a grade of B or better), and one semester of college level calculus (B- grade or better).

Minimum scores for the program are:
- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0; or
- TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 53

Applicants who do not meet minimum English language requirements may be eligible for our full-time Applied English Language program.

Recommendations required:
- Two (2) recommendations required.

Prior academic records:
- Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.

Statement of purpose: In an essay of 500-1,000 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also, please discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on your application.

International applicants only: Please follow this link - https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/ - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions.
Questions (http://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate/admissions/faqs/) page.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences - Graduate Admissions Office
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 215
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
askccas@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-6210 (phone) ~ 202-994-6213 (fax)
8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext).

The following curriculum requirements must be fulfilled: 30 credits, including 18 credits in core courses and 12 credits in elective courses.

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Twelve credits in elective economics (ECON) courses at the 6000 level or above selected in consultation with the program director.

Note: ECON 6217, ECON 6218, and ECON 6219 may not be used to fulfill the elective requirement. With program approval, students may select up to two graduate-level courses offered by the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, School of Business, Milken Institute School of Public Health, and/or School of Engineering and Applied Science to fulfill the elective requirement. Courses in other graduate programs may meet this requirement subject to approval by the Program Director.

COMBINED PROGRAM

- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in accountancy (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-accountancy/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in budget and public finance (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-pf/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in business analytics (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-business-analytics/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in data science (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-ds/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in environmental resource policy (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-erp/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in financial management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-financial-management/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in geographic information systems (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-gis/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in sports management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-sports-management/)
- Dual Master of Arts in the field of applied economics and graduate certificate in walkable urban real estate development (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/economics/ma-applied-economics-walkable-urban-real-estate-development/)