

Applied Economics

Master of Applied Economics

The Master of Science in Applied Economics reflects the current state of knowledge and skills used by professional economists. The program is characterized by strong foundational courses in economic theory, mathematical economics, and advanced statistical methods. It is focused on specialized areas of study serving but not limited to North Dakota and the North Central Region. The MSAE is about preparing you to do real-world economic research. Your formal studies will have broadly prepared you in research methods, applied to at least one specialized area, such as economic development or business economics. Additionally, you will have actively participated in research projects, both in your classes and through the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) and you will have had the opportunity to participate in a research internship.

Admission Requirements

1. Completion of UND courses ECON 201, 202, 210, 308, and 309; Math 146, or equivalents, with grades of “B” or better in each course.
2. An overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or greater.
3. Official scores from either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test, Law School Admission Test (LSAT), or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).
4. A minimum TOEFL Score of 550 on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test, or for the Internet based TOEFL, a composite score of 79, with minimum scores of 21/30 (Speaking*); 19/30 (Listening); 19/30 (Reading); and 17/30 (Writing) for applicants whose native language is not English. Applicants may also meet language requirements by presenting IETLS scores of 6.5. *Applicants being considered for Graduate Teaching Assistantships must achieve these minimum TOEFL scores, but have a minimum score of 26/30 on the Speaking subtest.
5. Econ 410 and 411 are the two courses that students in the combined program are permitted to count toward both a UND bachelor’s degree and the MSAE degree, but only if these courses are declared for graduate credit. All other courses taken for credit in the combined program must satisfy only bachelor’s program requirements, or only MSAE program requirements. Combined BS/MSAE Option: A combined BS/MSAE option is available to outstanding undergraduates who have completed 90 semester hours in a bachelor’s program at UND. Interested students should consult with the MSAE Program Director.

Degree Requirements

Students seeking the Master of Science degree through the Department of Applied Economics at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the Graduate School as well as particular requirements set forth by the Department of Applied Economics. The MSAE curriculum varies according to whether the student chooses a thesis option or a non-thesis option (see below). The thesis option is available for students who conduct original research. Thesis topics must be approved by the student’s faculty advisory committee, conducted under the guidance of the student’s faculty advisor and then completed to the satisfaction of the faculty advisory committee. The non-thesis option requires the Economics Research Internship (Econ 597) and completion of an independent study. The independent study must demonstrate the student’s ability to do independent scholarly work but does not demand an original contribution to knowledge. Independent study topics must be approved by and completed to the satisfaction of the student’s faculty advisor.

Please consult Academic Catalog for complete course requirements.

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Faculty and Areas of Expertise

- **Fathollah Bagheri, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania:** International Economics, Economic Development, Labor Economics, Macroeconomics, Entrepreneurship
- **Daniel Biederman, Ph.D., University of Kansas:** Macroeconomic Theory, Mathematical Economics, Monetary Economics
- **J. Lloyd Blackwell, III, Ph.D., Georgia State University:** Statistics, Econometrics, Public Finance, Economic Impact Studies
- **Peri Da Silva, Jr, Ph.D., University of Illinois:** Preferential Trade Agreements, Political Economy Of Trade, Mechanisms To Spread Gains From Trade
- **David T. Flynn, Ph.D., Indiana University:** Economic History, Money, Banking And The Supply Of Credit, Central Banking
- **Cullen Goenner, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin:** Macroeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Model Uncertainty As Related To Macroeconomics, International Relations, Education
- **Pradosh Simlai, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:** Econometrics, Empirical Finance
- **Patrick O'Neill, Ph.D., Boston College:** Microeconomics, Managerial Economics, Economics Education, Industrial Organization, Regulation, Economics And Ethics

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