

Program Comparison

Combined B.S. + MAAE	MAAE	Traditional MS
Required course in Graduate level Microeconomic Theory (ACE 500, 4 hours)	Required course in Graduate level Microeconomic Theory (ACE 500, 4 hours)	Required course in Graduate level Microeconomic Theory (ACE 500, 4 hours)
Required course sequence in graduate level econometrics (ACE 562 and 564, 4 hours)	Required course sequence in graduate level econometrics (ACE 562 and 564, 4 hours)	Required course sequence in graduate level econometrics (ACE 562 and 564, 4 hours)
4 additional hours (minimum) in quantitative methods	4 additional hours (minimum) in quantitative methods	2 additional hours (minimum) in quantitative methods
12 hours (minimum) of graduate coursework to define a field of specialization	12 hours (minimum) of graduate coursework to define a field of specialization	14 hours (minimum) of graduate electives; students typically choose electives to specialize in a field
	6 hours of general graduate electives	
At least 20 hours at the 500-level	At least 20 hours at the 500 level	At least 12 hours at the 500 level
Professional Internship or Research Experience (2 hours minimum)	Professional Internship or Research Experience (2 hours minimum)	
		Independent Research thesis and oral defense; 8 hours (max.) of ACE 599 thesis credit
Total hours: 26 <i>*6 hours of advanced undergraduate coursework counts towards both degrees</i>	Total hours: 32	Total hours: 32
Time to Completion: 1 year	Time to Completion: 1 to 2 years	Time to Completion: 2 years

Note

The following replace the traditional MS program thesis requirement:

- Additional required training in quantitative methods
- Additional required advanced graduate coursework (500-level), and the requirement to define a field of specialization
- Required internship experience to apply your graduate training in applied economics in a professional setting

Highlight to distinguish/showcase combined BS/MAAE path from/within MAAE:

- 6 hours of advanced undergraduate coursework can be applied to both the B.S. and MAAE degrees, reducing the time needed to complete both degree requirements.