Applied Economics
Master of Science

The Master of Science in Applied Economics (MSAE) reflects the current state of knowledge and skills used by professional economists. It is characterized by strong foundational courses in economic theory, mathematical economics and applied statistical methods.

Admission Requirements

1. A four-year bachelor’s degree from a recognized college or university.
2. Applicants may be eligible for admission in “Qualified” status with nine credits of requisite undergraduate work provided that they meet all other stated admission criteria. In such cases, the student must satisfy all conditions in her/his admission letter in order to advance to “Approved” status. Failure to address the conditions of admission as stated in the admission letter will be viewed as unsatisfactory progress and could result in dismissal from the School of Graduate Studies.
3. An overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 or greater for all undergraduate work or a GPA of at least 3.0 for the junior and senior years of undergraduate work (based on A=4.0).
4. Official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). At the discretion of the MSAE Program Director, test scores may be waived for students holding a graduate degree.
5. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.
6. ECON 410 Empirical Methods in Economics I and ECON 411 Empirical Method in Economics II 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 School of Graduate Studies as well as particular requirements set forth by the Department of Economics.

The MSAE curriculum varies according to whether the student chooses a thesis option or a non-thesis option. 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 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.

Thesis Option - minimum of 31 credit hours.
Non-thesis option - minimum of 32 credit hours.

Please refer to the academic catalog for course listings and descriptions.

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Faculty and Areas of Expertise

- Daniel Biederman, Ph.D., University of Kansas: Macroeconomic Theory, Mathematical Economics, Monetary, Economics
- 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
- Harry Tsang, Ph.D., University of Illinois: Field Economics
- Patrick O'Neill, Ph.D., Boston College: Microeconomics, Managerial Economics, Economics Education, Industrial Organization, Regulation, Economics And Ethics

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