


# Master of Arts - Economics

## 2 Graduate Program Change 2020-21

### I. General Information

The faculty member originating this proposal is to complete sections I and II.

TURN ON help text before starting this proposal by clicking  in the top right corner of the heading. You will need to turn on help text again after any actions that refresh the page including after saving proposals, importing information, or running impact reports.

IMPORT curriculum data from the Catalog by clicking  in the top left corner.

**Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.**

Department\*

Economics

Degree/  
Certificate Name\* Master of Arts - Economics

Plan Code\* ECOMA

Degree Type\*

Master of Arts

Program Type\*

Master's

### II. Program Changes

FILL IN ONLY fields required marked with an \* after importing data. You will not be able to launch the proposal without completing required fields. Do not make proposed changes to the information that was imported until after the proposal has been launched in Step 4. Changes will only be tracked after the proposal is launched

Are you changing admission requirements?\*  Yes  No

Are you changing course requirements?  Yes  No

Are you changing degree completion requirements?  Yes  No

Are you changing the primary instructional mode?  Yes  No

Are you changing program learning objectives?  Yes  No




If yes, describe changes to learning objectives:

**Provide a Brief Summary of Proposed Changes** Preference is given to applicants who score at or above the 50th percentile on the quantitative portion of the Official GRE; and at or above the 50th percentile on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Official GRE; and present a 3.0 or higher grade point average (computed on a 4.00 scale). An Official GMAT score may be substituted for the Official GRE score. These requirements may be adjusted to reflect any changes in the formats and scoring rubrics of either the GRE or GMAT.

**Provide a rationale for each proposed change** The scoring of the GRE changed in 2011. The new admission standards allow for changed scoring of the GRE and conform to best practices of eliminating the use of formulas.

## **Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.**

Follow these steps to change the program curriculum:

1. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Edit existing cores or click 'Add Core' and name your core (please use a comparable degree program in the current graduate catalog as a template). Edit or add any descriptive text (do not add courses until Step 2). Descriptive text is generally used in the following cores: Plan Description, Plan Admission Requirements, Plan Requirements, Plan Graduation Requirements.
2. There are two options for adding courses (see Step 3 to remove courses): "Add Course" and "Import Course." For courses already in the catalog, click on "Import Course" and find the courses needed. For new classes going through a Curriculog Approval Process click on "Add Course"-- a box will open asking you for the Prefix, Course Number and Course Title.
3. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Click on the area/header of the program where you would like to add courses. When you click on "Add Courses" it will bring up the list of courses available from Step 2. Select the courses you wish to add. For removing courses click on the  and proceed.

After you have

After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here\*

## Plan Description

The Master of Arts degree – Economics provides students with advanced training in applied economics. The program trains students for careers in business and government, and prepares students who desire to continue their studies in economics or finance at the doctoral level. Students in the MA program will obtain a solid foundation in microeconomic and macroeconomic theory, receive training in advanced econometric techniques, and develop their communication skills through writing and presentation. The program also allows students the possibility of pursuing interdisciplinary studies by taking courses in related disciplines such as finance or marketing. An internship program provides opportunities for students to obtain valuable work experience. MA graduates in economics possess the skills that prove attractive for different employers— government agencies, marketing research firms, corporate research and financial departments, and consulting firms. The department welcomes both full and part-time students. Please see our web site for more information <http://business.unlv.edu/economics/>. Formal preparation for most applicants seeking the Master of Arts degree requires intermediate microeconomic theory and macroeconomic theory. In addition, some form of quantitative preparation, such as calculus and intermediate statistics, is required. As noted below, students must meet general requirements for admission to the Graduate College of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The Department of Economics offers most graduate courses during evening hours convenient for both working and full-time students. For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

## Plan Admission Requirements

**Application deadlines** Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website. The first step in the application process requires the submission of relevant application forms, fees, letters of recommendation, official transcripts, test results, and assistantship applications to the Graduate College as outlined in this Catalog. All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. Admission to full graduate standing requires that students must: Meet the general requirements for admission to graduate instruction at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Complete the prerequisite preparation in microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, and quantitative economics. The theory preparation may be satisfied by successfully completing ECON 302 and ECON 303. Completing ECON 262 and Math 181 may satisfy the quantitative preparation. These courses, however, do not apply toward the 30 hours of graduate course work required for the Master of Arts degree. In addition, students seeking to meet

prerequisite requirements with undergraduate courses may need to take a placement exam to demonstrate competence. Preference is given to applicants who score at or above the 50th percentile on the quantitative portion of the Official GRE; and at or above the 50th percentile on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Official GRE; and present a 3.0 or higher grade point average (computed on a 4.00 scale). An Official GMAT score may be substituted for the Official GRE score. These requirements may be adjusted to reflect any changes in the formats and scoring rubrics of either the GRE or GMAT. Accomplished UNLV undergraduates must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for the Advanced Program Track: Receiving a B or above in graduate-level Economics courses completed as an undergraduate Satisfactory completion of Graduate College admission requirements Senior standing Minimum of 3.0 GPA Completion of the following courses with a minimum of 3.5 GPA and no grade lower than B: ECON 262 or ECON 441; ECON 302; ECON 303 and MATH 181 Department chair or graduate coordinator's recommendation Submission of two letters of recommendation, a completed Enrollment Request form to the Economics department no less than two weeks before the beginning of the semester for which they would like to register for graduate courses Students falling short of the requirements for admission with full graduate standing may be admitted as graduate conditional students. Students admitted with graduate conditional status must successfully complete the courses, possibly including any deficiencies, designated by the graduate coordinator, with an average of 3.33 or better within the first year of enrollment to qualify for admission with full graduate standing. Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

## Plan Requirements

See Subplan Requirements below. Subplan 1: Conventional Track- Thesis Subplan 2: Conventional Track - Professional Paper Subplan 3: Advanced Track - Thesis Subplan 4: Advanced Track - Professional Paper

## Subplan 1 Requirements: Conventional Track - Thesis

Total Credits Required: 30

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 18

ECO 701 Macroeconomic Theory	3
ECO 702 Microeconomic Theory	3
ECO 740 Mathematical Economics	3
ECO 770 Econometrics I, Statistical Modeling	3
ECO 772 Econometrics II	3
ECO 793 Seminar in Economic Research	1 – 3

### Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Students completing the Thesis must complete a minimum of 6 credits of Economics coursework.

### Culminating Experience – Credits: 6

ECO 791 Thesis	3 – 6
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### Degree Requirements

Completion of a minimum of 30 credit hours, of which, at least 24 credits must be taken in 700-level courses. Degree requirements may exceed (at the option of the student's advisor), but must not be less than the minimum outlined below. The advisor and/or the coordinator of graduate studies recommend specific course requirements for this degree. An internship is required and will count toward the elective credit requirements. This requirement may be waived by the department upon evidence of appropriate experience. If waived, credits must be earned in other coursework. Students not making satisfactory progress toward the degree are subject to dismissal. Satisfactory progress is defined as in the Graduate College Dismissal Policy. Students will also be placed on probation for earning a grade less than a B. Additional grades less than a B in subsequent terms may result in dismissal from the program. Courses with grades less than a B cannot be applied to the credits required for the degree. Courses with grades less than a B can be retaken with the permission of the student's advisor and the graduate coordinator. A minimum 3.00 average is required to earn the Master of

Arts degree. In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a committee of at least three departmental members. In addition, a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

## Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

## Subplan 2 Requirements: Conventional Track - Professional Paper

Total Credits Required: 30

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 18

ECO 701 Macroeconomic Theory	3
ECO 702 Microeconomic Theory	3
ECO 740 Mathematical Economics	3
ECO 770 Econometrics I, Statistical Modeling	3
ECO 772 Econometrics II	3
ECO 793 Seminar in Economic Research	1 – 3

### Elective Courses – Credits: 9

Students who complete a Professional Paper must complete 9 credits of Economics coursework; 3 credits may be from a related discipline subject to the approval of the graduate coordinator.

## Culminating Experience – Credits: 3

ECO 794 Professional Paper

3

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### Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

### Subplan 3 Requirements: Advanced Track - Thesis

Total Credits Required: 24

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 9

ECO 740 Mathematical Economics	3
ECO 772 Econometrics II	3
ECO 793 Seminar in Economic Research	1 – 3

### Economics Course – Credits: 3

Complete one of the following courses:

ECO 701 Macroeconomic Theory	3
ECO 702 Microeconomic Theory	3
ECO 770 Econometrics I, Statistical Modeling	3

### Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Students completing the Thesis must complete a minimum of 6 credits of Economics coursework.

### Culminating Experience – Credits: 6

ECO 791 Thesis	3 – 6
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### Degree Requirements

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requirements. This requirement may be waived by the department upon evidence of appropriate experience. If waived, credits must be earned in other coursework. Students not making satisfactory progress toward the degree are subject to dismissal. Satisfactory progress is defined as in the Graduate College Dismissal Policy. Students will also be placed on probation for earning a grade less than a B. Additional grades less than a B in subsequent terms may result in dismissal from the program. Courses with grades less than a B cannot be applied to the credits required for the degree. Courses with grades less than a B can be retaken with the permission of the student's advisor and the graduate coordinator. A minimum 3.00 average is required to earn the Master of Arts degree. Students falling below a 3.0 will be placed on probation. In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a committee of at least three departmental members. In addition, a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

## Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

## Subplan 4 Requirements: Advanced Track - Professional Paper

Total Credits Required: 24

## Course Requirements

### Required Courses – Credits: 9

ECO 740 Mathematical Economics	3
ECO 772 Econometrics II	3
ECO 793 Seminar in Economic Research	1 – 3

### Economics Course – Credits: 3

**ECONOMICS COURSE CREDITS: 9**

Complete one of the following courses:

<b>ECO 701 Macroeconomic Theory</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ECO 702 Microeconomic Theory</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ECO 770 Econometrics I, Statistical Modeling</b>	<b>3</b>

**Elective Courses – Credits: 9**

Students who complete a Professional Paper must complete 9 credits of Economics coursework; 3 credits may be from a related discipline subject to the approval of the graduate coordinator.

**Culminating Experience – Credits: 3**

<b>ECO 794 Professional Paper</b>	<b>3</b>
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**Degree Requirements**

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student taking four courses a semester could finish all course work in

one year by adding an elective course in the fall and in the spring semesters and completing a culminating experience in the summer.

## Graduation Requirements

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## Plan Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements. To qualify for graduation, each student must successfully complete an empirical research paper or thesis.

The [Degrees Directory](#) provides current and consistent degree information. Submission of this form indicates acknowledgment and understanding that every department is responsible creating and maintaining accurate and updated program information on the UNLV Degrees Directory.

If the changes included on this form impact the program handbook attach the updated handbook before submitting this form. If you need a Word version of the most recent handbook please email [GradCurriculum@unlv.edu](mailto:GradCurriculum@unlv.edu).

**Degrees Directory Program Entry\***  Check this box to acknowledge the above statement.

**Changes will be applicable to\***

Current Students

New Students

Both Current and New Students

**If applicable to current students, changes are**

Mandatory  Optional

**Effective Date\***

4. LAUNCH proposal by clicking  in the top left corner.

5. After launching the proposal, make all changes and fill in all additional fields.

6. Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the icon  located in the Proposal Toolbox on left side at top. Make your decision, comment is optional, and click on "Make decision"


On the left side at top, make your decision, comment is optional, and click on "make decision".

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

### III. Department Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the Department Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information.
3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.


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<b>Date faculty voted on proposal</b> 8/23/2019	<b>Result of vote</b> 15-0 (2 absent)
<b>Manner of vote</b> in-person	

### IV. Unit Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the College Committee Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information.
3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

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<b>Date faculty voted on proposal</b> 12/12/2019	<b>Result of vote</b> 5-0
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Manner of vote person

**V. Processing Notes (Graduate College/Registrar Use Only)**

**Program Alerts** This program is accredited by: AACSB. More information can be found at:  
**(E.g. This program is no longer accepting applications)** unlv.edu/provost/vpaa/accreditation

**PS Processing Notes**

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