

ECONOMICS, PH.D.

Degree Requirements (60 Post-Baccalaureate Hours; 51 Post-Master's Hours)

The Ph.D. in economics normally requires a minimum of four years of full-time work (a minimum of 60 graduate hours beyond the baccalaureate degree or 30 graduate hours beyond the master's degree with at least a B average, including 12 hours of dissertation credit).

A planned course of study shall be organized at the beginning of the student's period of residence. This plan shall be formulated by the student in conference with a three-person advisory committee designated by the graduate director. Changes and departures from this plan will be subject to the approval of the student's advisory committee, the graduate director, and the dean of The Graduate School.

Requirements for the Ph.D. include the following:

Required Courses (51 hours for both postbaccalaureate and post-master's)

Course	Title	Credits
ECON 811	Microeconomic Theory I	3
ECON 821	Macroeconomic Theory I	3
ECON 831	Econometrics and Regression I	3
ECON 812	Microeconomic Theory II	3
ECON 822	Macroeconomic Theory II	3
ECON 832	Econometrics and Regression II	3
Second-Year Field Courses (ECON 800 level courses jointly determined by student interest and faculty expertise). Up to two courses may be taken outside the department with the approval of the student's advisory committee and the graduate director. Courses outside the department may include 700+ courses from select course categories. ¹		18
ECON 892	Third-Year Seminar 1	2
ECON 893	Third-Year Seminar 2	1
ECON 899	Dissertation Preparation	12
Total Credit Hours		51

Additional Coursework for Postbaccalaureate Entry (9 Hours)

Students will select 9 credit hours of 500 level coursework from select course categories in conference with a three-person advisory committee designated by the graduate director¹.

¹ Course categories include: FINA, PUBH, HPEB, HSPM, BIOS, EPID, POLI, STAT, MATH, CRJU, EDUC, EDEC, EDCE, EDEX, EDEL, EDRM, EDSE, EDCS, EDET, EDFI, EDTE, EDHE, EDLP, and EDPY.

Examinations

Admission to Candidacy

Students must successfully complete a written admission-to-candidacy examination following the first year in the program. This examination will cover all economic theory courses required during the first year in the

program and will be constructed and evaluated by a committee of at least three faculty members appointed by the department chair.

Comprehensive Examination

Students must write and present a research paper demonstrating knowledge of their chosen fields of study. This paper will count as the comprehensive examination. Students will be supervised by two faculty members who have entered into an agreement with the student, as approved by the department chair. The student will present the initial version of the paper in a seminar to the faculty. This presentation will count as the oral portion of the comprehensive examination. The presentation will be evaluated by a committee of at least four faculty members approved by the department chair, two of whom are the third-year paper supervisors. After passing the oral examination, the student will submit the revised written paper to their two third year paper supervisors. This will count as the written portion of the comprehensive exam.

Language Requirements

The candidate must demonstrate competency in a computer programming language or statistics as demonstrated by appropriate course work or examination by the student's Ph.D. advisory committee. Note that ECON 831 and ECON 832 satisfy this requirement.

Dissertation

Each candidate must present a dissertation that gives evidence of original and significant research. The dissertation must be completed no later than five years after successfully completing the oral comprehensive examination. The candidate must defend the dissertation before a committee consisting of not fewer than four members. A minimum of twelve hours of dissertation preparation credit are required.

Teaching and Research

Prior to receiving a Ph.D. degree, the student is required to teach and participate in research under the direction of a faculty member in the Department of Economics.

Master's Degree enroute to or in lieu of the Ph.D.

Students who complete 36 hours of coursework may earn the master's degree enroute to or in lieu of the Ph.D. This master's degree requires passing the written admission-to-candidacy examination; in rare cases, the graduate director may approve an alternative comprehensive assessment.