

## **Complete a Masters in Economics in Just 2 or 3 Semesters If You Earn Your Undergraduate Degree at Syracuse University**

If you are an undergraduate student at Syracuse University with a strong math and economics background, you may be able to complete an MA in economics at Syracuse with just 2 or 3 semesters beyond your undergraduate degree. The plans of study below describe how and are designed to draw on PhD level courses in a manner that will expand opportunities. These sample plans are not the only way to complete the MA in economics and may not be the course sequences for you. For a complete overview of the requirements of the MA program, see the full program description: [Click here for a complete description of the MA program.](#)

If you are interested in applying to the MA program in economics, or in learning more about the MA, please contact the department's director of the MA program, Professor Yoonseok Lee, or the director graduate studies, Professor William Horrace.

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**Track 1:** Designed for rising senior BS majors in economics who have already taken ECN 522.

- Qualified students would be admitted into the combined BS + MA program.
- See a description of the combined BS + MA program at the economics department website: [Click here for details of the combined BS + MA program.](#)
- Recommended but not required: ECN 605 and ECN 620 (Math Camp) in July/August prior to taking ECN 621 in the fall semester.
- This group will require two semesters beyond their fourth year of undergraduate study to complete the MA.

**Track 2:** Designed for graduating BS majors who have not taken any 600 level courses (including PhD econometrics).

- Qualified students apply to enter the combined BS + MA program.
- Credit will be granted towards the MA degree for ECN 505 and ECN 522.
- Students must take ECN 605 and ECN 620 (Math Camp) in July/August.
- Fall, 2020: Students take ECN 601 (micro theory for MA), ECN 621 (PhD econometrics), and one additional elective typically at the 600 level or higher. This could include Economics of Education, as an example, which will be offered in Fall, 2020 (taught by Amy Schwartz).
- Spring, 2021: Students take ECN 602 (macro theory for MA), either ECN 623 (program evaluation) or ECN 622 (econometric theory), and one additional elective typically at the 600 level or higher. This could include Economics of Urban Issues in Developing Countries, as an example, which will be offered in Spring, 2021 (taught by Alex Rothenberg).
- This group will require two semesters to complete the MA.

**Track 3:** Designed for graduating BA majors who have not taken ECN 505, ECN 522 or any 600 level courses. Students must have strong enough math background to take PhD econometrics in the fall semester.

- Qualified students apply to enter the MA program.
- Students must take ECN 605 and ECN 620 (Math Camp) in July/August.
- Fall, 2020: Students take ECN 601 (micro theory for MA), ECN 621 (PhD econometrics), and one additional elective typically at the 600 level or higher. This could include Economics of Education, as an example, which will be offered in Fall, 2020 (taught by Amy Schwartz).
- Spring, 2021: Students take ECN 602 (macro theory for MA), either ECN 623 (program evaluation) or ECN 622 (econometric theory), and one additional elective typically at the 600 level or higher. This could include Economics of Urban Issues in Developing Countries, as an example, which will be offered in Spring, 2021 (taught by Alex Rothenberg).
- Fall, 2021: Two additional ECN electives, typically at the 600 level or higher.
- This group will require three semesters to complete the MA although those who begin with very strong math backgrounds could in principle complete the degree with two semesters of study (plus the summer Math Camp courses).