



# PENN STATE

now offers a two-year program designated only for the master's degree in economics. The program provides rigorous training in econometrics and quantitative economics as well as in economic theory. It is ideal for those who pursue high level professional careers in industry and government, or further study for the Ph.D. degree.



## Who can benefit?

The program is well suited to those:

- wishing to pursue a career that requires an advanced degree in economics;
- who want to pursue a Ph.D in economics, but need more preparation to get into a top program;
- with undergraduate training in economics in an institution that is less known to US employers and institutions.

## Why Penn State?

Our M.A. program

- is administered and taught by the same tenured and tenure-track faculty who teach and supervise our Ph.D students. Please see our faculty directory at [econ.la.psu.edu/people/faculty](http://econ.la.psu.edu/people/faculty);
- provides rigorous training in quantitative approaches as well as in economic theory. It will prepare our students for future economics-related careers, whether they are academic or not;
- provides numerous research opportunities within the Department which is one of the top research institutions in the country;
- offers qualified students the opportunity to take our Ph.D courses.

## Program Requirements

The M.A. program is a two-year (four-semester) program, which requires a minimum of 30 credits and an MA project. The first year is devoted to 18 credits of the core courses in micro, macro, and econometrics. The second year follows with at least 12 additional credits, 6 credits of which will be in a year-long course for the M.A. project. The M.A. project will provide hands-on experience of small research supervised by our excellent faculty.\*

## Admission Requirements

The application must include:

- Undergraduate transcripts and GRE;
- TOEFL for international applicants;
- Three letters of recommendation.

The transcript must show strong background in linear algebra and calculus. All the application materials must be electronically submitted via the University on-line application system, [gradschool.psu.edu/apply](http://gradschool.psu.edu/apply).

\* All courses and credits are subject to change.



## Application Deadline

The application must be received by **March 1**. Decisions will be made between March and early April. Students will have to notify us of their intention to attend by **April 30**.

## Tuition

There is no financial aid. The University website provides a tuition estimation service. Please see [cce.ais.psu.edu/tuition-calculator-ui/#/](http://cce.ais.psu.edu/tuition-calculator-ui/#/).

## STEM Designation

The M.A. program classifies as STEM (CIP Code 45.0603: Econometrics and Quantitative Economics). Students in these degree programs can apply for a 24-month STEM extension of F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT).

