Extensive Coursework in Data Analysis
A unique feature of our MA program is the opportunity to take a large number of courses in applied economics and data analysis and gain knowledge by working on individual and group projects. Our department regularly offers five econometrics courses (including Forecasting, Time Series, and Applied). Other quantitative courses include Cost-Benefit Analysis, Managerial Economics, Business Cycles, and Geospatial (GIS) Analysis. These courses offer extensive hands-on experience with several software tools (SAS, R, Stata, Excel, etc.)

Curriculum Overview
The MA requires a total of 30 hours of coursework; 21 hours are electives. In addition to elective coursework in data analysis, course offerings include Natural Resource Economics, International Economics, Monetary Economics, Real Estate and Urban Economics, and Labor.

Graduate Research Opportunities
Students can work as research assistants on faculty projects and as tutors in the Economic Resource Center (ERC). Students can also collaborate on research projects through the UMSL NABE chapter.

A Challenging Curriculum that Leads to Excellent Job Placements
Students acquire a versatile set of skills valued in the workplace—whether in industry, government, or the nonprofit sector—as evidenced by the strong placements of our graduates. Our alumni play an important role in this process, providing informal networking for students as well as keeping faculty members apprised of internship and job opportunities. Our graduates are also accepted into top graduate programs.

Strong Student-Faculty Relationships
Students work on projects together in our Economic Resource Center (ERC), which offers peer tutoring and also serves as a computer lab, study, and gathering space. Students get to know their professors. Faculty serve as a great resource for helping students navigate the job market and the PhD graduate admissions process.

Additional Program Information
The MA is typically completed in 2 years. (No thesis required.) Required courses are offered in the evenings. Both full-time and part-time students are welcome. An undergraduate economics degree is not required.

Another option (stand-alone or concurrent with the MA):
UMSL Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Data Analysis

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