

# New Option!

## Combine the **UMSL** Economics MA with a Graduate Certificate in Policy and Program Evaluation (PPE)

### HIGHLIGHTS

Students can complete the MA in Economics and the PPA Graduate Certificate in Policy and Program Evaluation (PPE) without any additional coursework beyond what is required for the MA alone.

### WHY COMBINE THE MA AND THE PPE CERTIFICATE?

The Economics MA is designed for those seeking to work as professional economists. A unique feature of the program is the large number of applied econometrics and quantitative courses offered.

The Certificate provides specific expertise in policy and program evaluation methods, including completion of an applied capstone evaluation project.

This skill set is valuable for jobs in both the public and nonprofit sectors. In public sector organizations, taxpayers want to know that programs are both efficient and effective. In the nonprofit sector, funders make it a requirement that agencies submit documentation that proposed programs are evidence-based and that implemented programs achieved the promised outcomes.

### COURSEWORK REQUIRED FOR COMPLETING THE MA and PPE CERTIFICATE:

**ECON 5100**, Graduate Microeconomics  
**ECON 5002**, Graduate Macroeconomics  
**ECON 5100**, Econometrics Methods and Theory

### Plus 3 NON-ECONOMICS ELECTIVES:

**PPADM 6000**, Introduction to Policy Analysis  
**PPADM 6750**, Introduction to Evaluation Research Methods  
**PPADM 6751**, Applied Evaluation Project

### PLUS FOUR ECONOMICS ELECTIVES (2 of 4 must be from the following set):

**ECON 4170**, Cost-Benefit Analysis  
**ECON 4550**, Natural Resource Economics  
**ECON 5400**, Labor Economics: Theory and Public Policy  
**ECON 5500**, Public Sector Microeconomics  
**ECON 5640**, Transportation Economics  
**ECON 5760**, Health Economics

Note: At least 12 credit hours must be taken in residence at UMSL.

### PROCESS

If you are an MA student, there are no additional admissions requirements.

Contact the Department of Economics Graduate Director to inform him that you are pursuing the PPE Certificate.

Any changes/substitutions to the stated coursework must be approved by the Director of Public Policy Administration (PPA).

Students work with the PPA Director PPA program to arrange for the capstone evaluation project. It is the students' responsibility to allow for sufficient lead time.

Prior to graduation, you submit the set of courses completed that fulfill both the Certificate and the MA.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Regarding combining the PPE Certificate with the MA in Economics, contact Graduate Director, Prof. Donald Kridel, (314) 516- 5583, or [kridel@umsl.edu](mailto:kridel@umsl.edu). Regarding the Certificate, contact PPA Program Director, Prof. Deborah Balser, (314) 516-5146, or [balserd@umsl.edu](mailto:balserd@umsl.edu).