

UMSL Economics Dual BS/MA Program

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The UMSL Economics **DUAL BS/MA** ("2+3") program is an accelerated program that allows students to complete a BS and a MA in economics in five years. The program is targeted at students who are comfortable with mathematics and are strong in the quantitative economic courses. Graduates are heavily recruited by employers because of their strong quantitative skills.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed at least 60 credit hours, but usually apply before they have completed 90 hours. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (both overall and in economics courses) and obtain a letter of recommendation from a full-time regular economics faculty member. It is also recommended that applicants have completed Intermediate Micro (ECON 3001) and/or Introductory Econometrics (ECON 4100) before applying. **The applicant must have economics as (one of) their declared major(s).**

Students are accepted on a provisional basis. Once a student is converted to graduate status, typically at 108-114 credit hours, the provisional status is dropped.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

The program allows students to apply 12 of the MA credit hours (economics courses only) towards the BS, **reducing the overall required credit hours for the two degrees from the standard 150 (120 for the BS plus 30 for the MA) to 138.**

The MA in Economics requires 30 credit hours; at least 21 hours must be completed in residence. The following 3 courses (9 credit hours) are required:

- ECON 5001 (Microeconomic Analysis)
- ECON 5002 (Macroeconomic Analysis)
- ECON 5100 (Econometric Theory and Methods)

In addition, 21 credit hours of electives must be completed. At most, six of these credit hours may be economics courses at the 4000 level (excluding ECON 4100, ECON 4105, and ECON 4150 which cannot be utilized as part of the MA degree).

All requirements for the BS degree remain in effect. See <http://www.umsl.edu/~econ/Student/ugrad.html>

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Both degrees (the BS and MA) will be awarded when all requirements for the entire program have been completed. In other words, **the BS and MA degrees will be simultaneously awarded at the completion of study.**

PLACEMENTS

The placement record for our graduates has been exceptionally strong.

Initial placements for dual-degree graduates include: AOL, Boeing, Caterpillar, Centene, CPI, Ernst & Young, Express Scripts, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Grainger, GroupM Search, Mattson Jack, Monsanto, RubinBrown, State of Missouri, Urban Institute, Wells Fargo

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the UMSL Economics homepage at: <http://www.umsl.edu/~econ/>

Contact the Graduate Director, Don Kridel: kridel@umsl.edu or (314) 516-5553

The BS/MA application can be found at: [http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/files/pdfs/2+3 Application.pdf](http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/files/pdfs/2+3%20Application.pdf)