To apply to the program, students must:

- begin the application process.
- complete the IUG with a representative for the location of the graduate instruction.
- be economics majors by the time they apply for the IUG program.
- be on track to complete the undergraduate degree requirements within 4 years of initial matriculation.
- complete a Graduate School application for the M.A. program in Economics. Applicants will have to satisfy all the prerequisites that apply for admission to the M.A. program.
- provide two letters of reference and personal statement addressing the reasons for pursuing a graduate degree in Economics.
- prepare a plan of study identifying undergraduate credits to be applied to the M.A. degree elective requirements.
- submit GRE scores. We require that applicants take the 3-part general aptitude GRE. There is no minimum requirement for GRE scores. We take into account that different applicants expend different amounts of effort in preparing for the GRE and that there are systematic differences among applicants from different countries. GRE scores should not be more than five years old. Specifically, if you are applying for admission for the Ph.D. program beginning in the fall of year X, then you should have taken the GRE no earlier than the fall of year X-5.

Although the program has no fixed minimum grade-point average, an applicant is generally expected to have a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in undergraduate coursework and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in all coursework completed for the major.

**Degree Requirements**

Students must fulfill all degree requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Economics are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/). Degree requirements for the Master of Arts in Economics are listed on the Degree Requirements tab.

Students must sequence their courses so that all undergraduate degree requirements are completed by the end of Year 4. Students are expected to complete the undergraduate degree requirements within the typical time to degree for the undergraduate major. If students accepted into the IUG program are unable to complete the M.A. degree, they are still eligible to receive their undergraduate degree if all the undergraduate degree requirements have been satisfied.

In the semester in which the undergraduate degree requirements will be completed, IUG students must activate their undergraduate intent to graduate, and the undergraduate degree should be conferred at the next appropriate Commencement.

Up to 12 credits may be double-counted towards the degree requirements for both the graduate and undergraduate degrees. The courses that are eligible to double count for both degrees are:

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The double-counted credits could fulfill ECON 400-level course requirements for the B.A. or B.S. degrees and/or honors credit requirements. Elective courses must be taken at the ECON 500 or ECON 400 level. Courses below ECON 400 may not be counted towards the graduate degree requirements. Independent study courses and credits associated with the culminating experience for the graduate degree cannot be double-counted.

**Academic Advising**

The faculty designated to oversee the IUG program will provide general advice and monitor the progress of students in the IUG program to ensure that they achieve satisfactory performance and follow all relevant UFS and Graduate Council policies.

Advising is an important component of the integrated BA/BS/MA degree program. Upon acceptance into the program, each student will be assigned a faculty advisor whose academic specialty and/or area of research are as closely matched with the student’s interest as possible. In consultation with the faculty adviser, the student will develop an individualized plan of study.