Economics

The Department of Economics at Washington University has a strong reputation in teaching and developing high-quality PhD students for academic positions and for private- and public-sector jobs. We are seeking qualified students from any field who possess strong analytical abilities in mathematics and statistics and who are willing to complete a challenging PhD degree in Economics. At this time, we do not offer a terminal AM in our program.

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Degree Requirements

PhD in Economics

General Course Requirements

The PhD in Economics takes five years to complete and requires at least two years of courses in 500-level classes with a 3.0 grade point average. Students may transfer up to 24 units of graduate credits completed elsewhere but are advised to make such a transfer only after consultation with the director of graduate studies.

Courses must include the following classes:

1. Microeconomic Theory and Macroeconomic Theory: 12 units (Econ 501, Econ 502, Econ 503, Econ 504);
2. Quantitative methods and econometrics: 9 units (Econ 511, Econ 512, Econ 5161).

An Ideal Chronology of PhD Study

Summer Before the First Year (August)

• Mathematics Review and Statistics Review

Year 1

Core Courses:

Fall Semester | Spring Semester
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Econ 501 Macroeconomics I | Econ 502 Macroeconomics II
Econ 503 Microeconomics I | Econ 504 Microeconomics II
Econ 511 Quantitative Methods I | Econ 5161 Applied Econometrics
Econ 512 Quantitative Methods in Economics II

Year 2

• Preliminary exams in late August, retake preliminary exams (if necessary) in December
• Field courses
• Research paper proposal

Year 3

• Complete research paper
• Field courses
• Dissertation proposal

Year 4
• Write dissertation
• Prepare and present job market paper

Year 5
• Enter the job market
• Finish and defend the dissertation

More information on degree requirements can be found on the Department of Economics (http://economics.wustl.edu) website.