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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 taken must include the following:

1. Microeconomic Theory and Macroeconomic Theory: 12 units (Econ 501, Econ 502, Econ 503, Econ 504); and
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:

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Year 2

- Preliminary exams in late August, retake preliminary exams (if necessary) in January
- 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.

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Accelerated AM in Economics

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