Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics

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Our Master of Science degree in Applied Economics encourages students to develop and apply their skills in economic analysis and examine a wide array of economic and political issues. Learning takes place through coursework in economic theory, quantitative methods, and econometrics, through collaborative work with departmental faculty, and through an intensive research thesis that addresses an important economic issue selected by the student.

Admission
Core graduate courses are taught at a level that requires entering students to have successfully completed courses in intermediate microeconomic and macroeconomic theory, calculus, matrix algebra, and statistics. Applicants who have not completed the prerequisite material, but who have apparent potential for graduate study, may be admitted to the program on a provisional basis. To learn more on the specifics for applying to this program, including application deadlines, test scores needed, financial assistance and more, review the department website: http://www.montana.edu/econ/graduateprogram.html.

Degree Requirements
A core of economic theory and quantitative methods courses (or equivalent) is required. Students are required to maintain a 3.00 grade point average overall in their core courses and the courses in their graduate program. Failure to meet these requirements, as well as receipt of more than one grade less than a "B-" in the core courses will be grounds for termination. See Program Requirements on the department website for course information.

Student Graduate Committee
Faculty members in our Department have expertise in a wide variety of fields. Some examples of graduate topics taught by our faculty are advanced economic theory, static and dynamic optimization models in economics, the dynamic effects of fiscal & monetary policy on the macroeconomy, theory and use of regression analysis, public policy, and research methodology. Our faculty takes an active interest in our students, and this one-on-one contact with faculty in our department is consistently given high praise among our students.

Degree Offered
  • M.S. in Applied Economics (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/agriculture/agricultural-economics/ms-applied-economics/)