

APPLIED ECONOMICS (OFF-CAMPUS) (ECAO)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

ABSTRACT

The off-campus version of the Master of Science in Applied Economics program (ECAO) is a professional master's degree program designed primarily to enhance the professional development of applied economists. The program is not designed to prepare students for PhD programs in economics. The program prepares students to work as analysts in government agencies, private firms, and non-governmental organizations.

The ECAO program is an evening program with face-to-face classes in Washington, DC. The ECAO program operates on a quarter-term academic calendar. Students can complete the 10-course ECAO program in 15 months if they take 2 courses per quarter.

The ECAO program's curriculum is identical to that of the ECAM and online ECAE programs, but the ECAM program is located on campus in College Park and operates on the university's standard semester-based academic calendar. All credits earned at the Washington, DC location or in the ECAE program would count for the College Park program if the student transfers to the College Park program.

The economics department does not offer fellowships or graduate assistantships to any of the students in the ECAO program. Domestic students in the program are eligible for the US Department of Education's Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loans and Federal Grad PLUS Loans. Some of our students also have their tuition paid, at least in part, by an employer or other 3rd parties. The University's Financial Services Center provides Third Party Billing when the third party requires a bill from the university. More information about financial aid is available from the University of Maryland's Office of Student Financial Aid.

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Courses: ECON (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/applied-economics-off-campus-ecao/>)

Relationships: Applied Economics (on-campus) (ECAM) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/applied-economics-on-campus-ecam/>), Applied Economics (online) (ECAE) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/applied-economics-online-ecae/>), Economic Analysis (off-campus) (Z074) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/economic-analysis-off-campus-z074/>), Economics Analysis (on-campus) (Z098) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/economic-analysis-on-campus-z098/>), Economic Analysis (online) (Z174) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/economic-analysis-online-z174/>)

ADMISSIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdstatementofpurposeecaoecamz074z098.pdf>)
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of Recommendation (none)
- CV/Resume
- Supplementary Application (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/admissionsforms/umdsupplementaryapplicationappliedecon.pdf>)
- Introductory Macroeconomics course (grade of B or higher)
- Introductory Microeconomics course (grade of B or higher)
- Introductory Calculus course (grade of B or higher in Calculus I, or AP Calculus score of 4 or 5)

***Visa Eligibility:** This program is not eligible for I-20 or DS-2019 issuance by the University of Maryland.

We do not sponsor visas for students in the Washington, DC (ECAO) or in the online (ECAE) versions of our program. International applicants who need the University of Maryland to sponsor an F1 student visa must apply for Fall enrollment to the College Park version of our program (ECAM).

International applicants who already reside in the U.S. on existing visas that permit study (G4 and H4 visas, for example) may apply to either version of the program, similar to domestic students.

Applicants who are unsure about their preferred location should contact masters-econ@umd.edu before applying.

The Golden Identification Program is not eligible for Continuing Education Programs (Graduate, Post-Baccalaureate, Non-Credit Learning) administered through the Office of Extended Studies. To learn more

about Golden ID, click here (<http://registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/golden-id.html>).

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline
Domestic Applicants		
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	June 10, 2026	N/A
International Applicants		
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas	N/A	N/A

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: masters.econ.umd.edu (<http://masters.econ.umd.edu>)

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Applied Economics, Master of Science (M.S.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/applied-economics-off-campus-ecao/applied-economics-ms/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

Classes are held in the evenings in our DC classroom space, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 140.