

# ECONOMICS: GRADUATE FOUNDATIONS, MS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	March 1
Spring Deadline	July 15
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not Required
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	2

The Department of Economics offers admission to the Master of Science-Graduate Foundations program. Mathematics preparation should include multivariate calculus, elementary probability, and regression analysis.

### MASTER'S PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Fill out the Graduate School Online Electronic Application at: <https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>
  - You will select the "Economics MS – Graduate Foundations" program. If you wish to apply to both the Economics PhD and an Economics MS programs (Graduate Foundations and/or Financial Economics), you may select all the programs on your application.
- To complete the application, you will need to submit the following materials (in PDF format):
  - Statement of Purpose.** Students who are interested in applying for financial scholarships should provide proof of family income (i.e. income tax records) in a pdf file that goes together with the personal statement.

- All transcripts from the universities or colleges you have attended:** Please scan all transcripts from all your degree-granting institutions and any other institution where you have been enrolled and upload the pdf file(s) to your application. The transcript uploaded must match the official transcript and there should be no changes or edits made to it. Do not upload any high school transcripts. International academic records must be in the original language accompanied by an official English translation. Your school should provide an official translation of your documents; otherwise, have a translation done by your school or an official translator. In some countries, these people are also notaries. Do not submit an evaluation from a credential evaluation service in lieu of a translation.
  - Math Preparation Form:** Please complete the Math Preparation form. Complete either the PDF version (<https://econ.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/89/2017/07/Math-Prep-form.-MS.-writeable.pdf>) or Word version (<https://econ.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/89/2017/02/Math-Preparation-Form.doc>) of the document. If you complete the form in Word, save the document as a PDF file. Upload the completed document; the file must be in PDF file format.
  - Resume/CV:** All applicants must submit a resume or CV in English. Please upload your resume/CV in PDF file format.
  - Graduate School Application fee:** This fee is required to complete the application. Information on the fee is available on the Graduate School FAQ (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/#FAQ>).
- Provide at least two letters of recommendation. Letters must be submitted electronically by your references. Your application is incomplete until all letters of recommendation are received. Please instruct your references not to send any paper-based letters by mail.
  - All international degree-seeking applicants must demonstrate English proficiency. See the Graduate School requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) for English proficiency. Find information on how to send official GRE and English proficiency test scores on the Graduate School's application requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) page. You may also send your GRE test score to the Graduate School if you wish, although the GRE is not required.
    - The UW-Madison Department of Economics' institutional and department code is 1846.
    - It is very important you use the same name and spelling on the application as you used on the test form to avoid any delay in adding scores to your file.
    - TOEFL and IELTS are accepted if the test is taken within two years of the start of the admission term. Duolingo scores will be accepted for Spring 2025 admission and beyond.

Note: More information regarding the English proficiency requirement (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>), the online application, fees, and Graduate School frequently asked questions (FAQs) is available at the Graduate School admissions page (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/>).