

Master of Arts in Economics
New Curriculum Effective SY 2019-2020

I. Required Course: 9 units

ECON 205	Mathematical Economics	3 units
ECON 206	Statistics for Economists	3 units
ECON 207	Econometrics	3 units

II. Major Field of Concentration: 15 units

ECON 201	Price and Allocation Theory	3 units
ECON 202	Macroeconomic Theory	3 units
ECON 221	Economics of Development	3 units
ECON 222	International Economics	3 units
ECON 292	Economic Research	3 units

III. Electives: 6 units

Any four of the following courses:

ECON 209.1	History of Economics	3 units
ECON 210	Economic History of the Philippines	3 units
ECON 211	Social Accounting	3 units
ECON 212	Input-Output Economics	3 units
ECON 213	Economics of Money and Banking	3 units
ECON 230	Social Philosophy	3 units
ECON 241	Managerial Economics	3 units
ECON 242	Financial Economics	3 units
ECON 245	Economic Geography of the Philippines	3 units
ECON 250	Economics of Public Finance	3 units
ECON 255	Economics of Labor and Manpower Development	3 units
ECON 257	Urban and Regional Development	3 units
ECON 260	Agricultural Economics	3 units
ECON 261	Business and Government Policy	3 units
ECON 270	Comparative Economic Systems	3 units
ECON 285	Special Topics in Economics	3 units

Comprehensive Examinations

ECON 296	Comprehensive Examinations	
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Thesis and Oral Defense: 6 units

ECON 299.1	Thesis I	
ECON 299.2	Thesis II	

IV. Comprehensive Examinations

- a. Master of Arts in Economics students take the exam after taking all their academic requirements, except Economic Research (ECON 292).
- b. The student is advised by the Department to take the comprehensive examinations.

- c. The student takes the comprehensive examination in two installments on two consecutive Saturdays (or test schedule) that is set by the OADGP (Office of the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs) which covers the following topics:

Part I: Price and Allocation Theory (ECON 201) and Macroeconomic Theory (ECON 202)

Part II: Any of the following topics: International Economics (ECON 222), Economics of Development (ECON 221), Quantitative Economics [either Mathematical Economics (ECON 205), Statistics for Economists (ECON 206) or Econometrics (ECON 207)], or one field of specialization of the student's choice. The approval of the field of specialization is subject to the availability of a faculty who can give the examination.

Note: The comprehensive examination in Part I and Part II will have to be taken in one test schedule (within the same term/semester)

- d. Students are permitted two attempts at the comprehensive examination. A student who still obtains a failing mark in the second attempt at the comprehensive examination is removed from the Master's program.
- e. A student who passes the comprehensive examination will be eligible for thesis direction.

V. Economic Research and Thesis Writing

- a. All students are required to enroll in ECON 292 and submit a research paper. The research paper has to be 30 to 50 pages in length, exclusive of bibliography, footnotes, and appendices. The assigned faculty teaching the course approves the topic, monitors its development and grades the written report.
- b. The research paper will serve as the first draft of the M.A. thesis, which will be defended to a panel of examiners. Thereafter, the student enrolls in ECON 299.1 and continues to take the course while the M.A. thesis is still in progress.
- c. The student obtains six (6) units of credit upon the approval of the Department and submission of the student of the final bound copies of the M.A. thesis to the OADGP.
- d. The maximum time interval during which a student is expected to complete his/her M.A. thesis and other academic requirements depend on regulations issued by the CHED and/or the OADGP.

VI. Program of Studies

Year & Semester	MA EC (Full-Time)	MA EC (Part-Time)
YEAR I		
First Semester	ECON 201 ECON 202 ECON 205 ECON 206	ECON 201 ECON 206
Second Semester	ECON 207 ECON 221	ECON 207 ECON 222

	ECON 222 Elective 1 (Specialization)	
YEAR II		
Intersession	ECON 296 (Comprehensive Exams)	
First Semester	ECON 292 (Economic Research)/Research Paper Elective 2 (Specialization)	ECON 202 ECON 205
Second Semester	EC 299.1 (Thesis I)	ECON 221 Elective 1
YEAR III		
Intersession	ECON 299.2 (Thesis II) ECON 299.4 (Oral Defense) [both can also be moved to Year III, first semester]	ECON 296 (Comprehensive Exams)
First Semester		ECON 292 (Economic Research)/Research Paper Elective 2 (Specialization)
Second Semester		ECON 299.1 (Thesis I)
YEAR IV		
Intersession/First Semester		ECON 299.2 (Thesis II) ECON 299.4 (Oral Defense)

VII. Summary

Required Courses	9 units
Field of Concentration	15 units
Electives	6 units
Thesis Direction	6 units

Total: 36 units