

Master's Program in Economics Learning Goals, Rutgers University

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The Master's Program in Economics provides advanced training in economics to students interested in positions as economists and econometricians in the private and public sectors. It also prepares students for PhD studies in economics. The program aims for students to:

1. Acquire core knowledge in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics.

Assessment of student achievement of goal:

- Grades in core macroeconomic, microeconomic and econometric graduate courses
- Qualifying examinations assessing depth and breadth of knowledge in core theory fields

Role of the program in helping students to achieve goal:

- Provide comprehensive course work in core fields at the outset of graduate studies
- Support for success in the first year of the program, including a math review before term and teaching assistants for core courses

2. Acquire specialized knowledge in at least one area of modern economics.

Assessment of student achievement of goal:

- Grades in courses selected from one chosen field of specialization

Role of the program in helping students to achieve goal:

- Offer a selection of courses each semester across a range of fields
- Advise students as they select courses
- Provide flexible options for students with interdisciplinary interests
- Offer a variety of research workshops with presentations by visitors, faculty and graduate students

3. Conduct original research in economics.

Assessment of graduate student achievement of goal:

- Completion of original research for masters essay or a course-related research paper
- Public defense of masters essay

Role of the program in helping students to achieve goal:

- Provide courses in applied econometrics for macroeconomics and microeconomics
- Focus on review and critique of cutting-edge literature in graduate courses
- Encourage student participation in department workshops