

Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Degree Programs in Economics

This program allows exceptional undergraduate economics students at NC State to obtain a Master of Economics degree (a non-thesis degree) within 12 months of completing the Bachelor's degree or obtain a Master of Arts in Economics degree or Master of Science in Agricultural and Resource Economics degree (which require a thesis) within 18 months of completing the Bachelor's degree. The key feature of the program is that students can count up to 12 credit hours of graduate level courses both towards their Bachelor's degrees (in Economics or Agricultural Business Management) and towards their subsequent Master's degrees.

A detailed description of the requirements and application procedure may be found in Section 3.12 of the [Graduate Administrators Handbook](#).

Guidelines

Students in the Bachelor's program in Economics or Agricultural Business Management who have:

1. completed a minimum of seventy-five (75) and a maximum of ninety-six (96) credit hours in their undergraduate programs, including credits earned from advanced placement if they started at NCSU,
2. and, if they are transfer students, have completed a minimum of two semesters as a full-time student at NC State, a minimum of 24 credit hours,
3. and have a minimum accumulated grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 at NC State

may apply for admission to Graduate School and permission to have up to 12 credit hours of graduate level course work during their senior year count as advanced placement toward their Master's degree. Such a request must be approved by the Directors of both the Undergraduate program in which they are enrolled and the Graduate Program in Economics. They in turn must recommend this course of action to the Graduate School. After the student receives their Bachelor's degree they may be officially admitted into the Master's degree program in Economics. After admission to the master's program, the designated courses in which the student earned grades of B or better may be applied toward the requirements of that degree. GREs are not required for admission to the Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's program.

Course substitutions

For a sample four-year plan-of-work for the B.S. in economics degree see:

http://www.ncsu.edu/reg_records/ug_catalog/programs/mgmt/bsec.htm

..B.A. economics degree:

http://www.ncsu.edu/reg_records/ug_catalog/programs/mgmt/baec.htm

...B.S. in agricultural business management degree:

http://www.ncsu.edu/reg_records/ug_catalog/programs/cals/bsagbm.htm

For each of these, there are restricted electives, generally taken in the fourth year, that would be fulfilled by four of the courses generally taken by first-year master's students in economics as in Table 1 below. ***Graduate courses that are taken during the student's undergraduate program may not be used as substitutions or replacements for General Education Requirements courses.***

Table 1. Course substitutions

Courses to take in the fourth year of undergraduate studies...

...that would fulfill requirements of one of these degrees:

| | M.S. agricultural and resource economics | M.A. economics | Master of Economics | B.S. agricultural business management | B.A. or B.S. in economics |
|--------|--|-------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Fall | ECG700 | ECG700 | ECG506 | departmental elective | economics elective |
| | ST514 | ST514 | ST514 | free elective (or ST311 or ST350) | advised elective |
| Spring | ECG703 | ECG703 | ECG505 | departmental elective | economics elective |
| | ECG561 | ECG561 | ECG561 | departmental elective | economics elective |

This would leave six remaining courses for completion of Masters degree.

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