



Portland State UNIVERSITY

REQUIREMENTS FOR MA/MS IN ECONOMICS

Admission Requirements:

Admission to the Master's Degree program in the Department of Economics (in addition to University admissions requirements) requires:

1. **GPA Requirements:** A minimum of a 3.00 GPA in overall undergraduate coursework AND a minimum of a 3.00 GPA in economics coursework. If you have already completed graduate coursework, a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all graduate credit earned at accredited institutions is required.
2. **Coursework:** Undergraduate courses in Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Statistics, Econometrics and Mathematics (or present equivalent competence). Univariate and Multivariate Calculus as well as Linear Algebra are required for admission. Courses in Mathematical Economics and Advanced Calculus are helpful but not required.
3. **Testing:** GRE scores of 300 (quantitative and verbal combined; 1100 by the old GRE scale) or higher. Request that Educational Testing Services (ETS) send a copy of your scores to 4610 (Department of Economics at PSU) when registering. The TOEFL is required for University admission for international students, unless they have a U.S. university degree. See University minimum TOEFL requirements at www.pdx.edu/admissions/intl_grad_english.html. The GMAT with a score of 520 or higher may be considered in lieu of the GRE.
4. **Recommendations:** Three (3) letters of recommendation sent either by mail to: Department of Economics, PSU, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751 or by email to Margie Port, Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Economics at econ@pdx.edu.
6. **Statement of Purpose:** Approximately 500-word essay on goals and aspirations for entering and completing the graduate program.
7. **Application/Transcripts:** Official transcripts from any other institutions (other than PSU) you may have attended. You will need an official transcript sent to the PSU Admissions Office for University admission AND an official transcript sent to the Department of Economics, PSU, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751.

Recommended Application Dates:

Portland State University accepts applications for each term on a rolling admissions basis. Please note that the following dates are priority filing dates only. Applications will still be accepted after these dates; however, once all documents have been received, please allow a minimum processing time of two to three weeks for an admissions decision by the Graduate Committee. The competitive applications for graduate assistanceships will only be considered at the time of the FALL application date (April 1).

Priority is given to applicants who have submitted complete files by the following dates:

- FALL: April 1
WINTER: September 1
SPRING: November 1
SUMMER: February 1