Program Overview

The MS in Economics is a 30-credit, one-year Master’s program, helping students toward careers in industry, consulting, managerial, data analytics, Federal and State Government, among others. Students enroll in core courses in Applied Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, and Economics of Growth and Innovation. Additional courses, chosen from 6000 level courses in the Economics Department or approved 6000 or 4000 level courses in other programs, are planned in conjunction with the student’s graduate program advisor.

HASS Application Deadline: April 1, 2018

HASS-approved applications must be received by the Office of Graduate Education by May 1, 2018

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Students with prior coursework that has not been applied toward their undergraduate degree may be able to apply 4000 and 6000 level courses toward the MS degree with departmental approval.

Applicants for fall 2018 may be Rensselaer undergraduates interested in a co-terminal degree. A minimum GPA of 3.2 is required. Prior coursework in mathematics and in probability and statistics is highly desirable, and proficiency with calculus and matrix methods is essential.

To apply, visit: https://admissions.rpi.edu/graduate

For questions about the MS in Economics, please contact the Economics Graduate Program Director, Prof. Kenneth L. Simons (Sage Lab 3210, simonk@rpi.edu). For assistance with the application process, please see Jennifer Mumby in the HASS Student Services Advising Hub (Sage Lab 4305, mumbyj@rpi.edu).

A thesis is optional.