MS in Economics at Rensselaer
Open to external applicants, Co-Terminal applicants, and current PhD students interested in adding a MS degree

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.

Elective courses at the 6000 level include: Behavioral Economics, Econometric Methods for Big Data, Advanced Economics of Government Regulation, Health Economics, Structure of Industry, and Applied Game Theory (additional courses may be introduced). A 6000 level course, Intro to Econometrics is available for students who have not yet completed the core Econometrics in the Economics department. Others courses may be chosen from cognate disciplines such as Mathematics, Industrial Engineering, Civil Engineering, Management, Biomedical Engineering, or other programs to suit the development of the student.

HASS Application Deadline
Co-Terminal: January 30 of junior year
External applicants: January 1

Applicants 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).

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.

At most, 15 of the 30 required credits may be at the 4000 level.

A thesis is optional.