



College of  
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# Economics, MA

## Accelerated Master's Degree

Academically strong Mason undergraduates with a commitment to graduate studies, professional studies, or research can apply for an accelerated Master's program and earn a bachelor's and a master's in as little as five years.

### The accelerated pathway offers many benefits:

- Waiver of graduate application fee
- Reduced tuition for up to 18 graduate credits
- Eligibility to apply for the *Economics MA Fellowship* award
- Completion of the 30-credit Master's in as few as one to two semesters after earning your Bachelor's degree
- Opportunity for engagement with faculty and our diverse group of graduate students in smaller classes

Upon program approval and earning 75 credits, students will be able to register for graduate courses. Complete both degrees in as few as 138 credits and pay lower undergraduate rates for up to 18 credits of graduate coursework.



# Accelerate your Education!

Earn your bachelor's and master's degrees in less time at a reduced cost.

## Why this degree?

- Masonomics is uniquely founded in principles that stress free markets through the fields of Public Choice, Austrian economics, and Experimental economics.
- Engage with our world-renowned faculty to gain economics knowledge and skills to use in careers across government, non-profit, and private sectors.
- Customize your degree per your interests and career objectives by selecting electives from economic fields like public choice, political economy, economic development, monetary policy, and more.
- Be ready to start your career in economics—jobs for economists requiring an advanced degree are expected to grow over the next decade!

## Application Requirements

Mason undergraduate students from any major who have completed 60 credits toward the bachelor's degree are invited to apply. Applicants for the pathway should have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and a grade of B or better in coursework applied to their major.

Applicants must submit:

- Unofficial transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
- Goals statement explaining their interest in the program

For more information on the application, visit <https://to.gmu.edu/Econ Accelerated MA Application>

## Before Applying

Prior to submitting your application, schedule advising appointments with the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's (BAM) Coordinator and a graduate advisor in the Economics Department. Advisors will review recommended undergraduate preparatory coursework and a plan for your graduate courses. Contact [econgrad@gmu.edu](mailto:econgrad@gmu.edu) for more information.

## Program Requirements

Students who have been accepted into the accelerated master's program must:

- Take 3 to 12 Advanced Standing graduate credits.
- Take up to 6 Reserve Graduate credits.
- Earn a minimum overall GPA of 3.25 and a minimum grade of B in each Advanced Standing course.
- Successfully meet Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral and complete the application for graduation.
- Begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Visit [to.gmu.edu/BAM](https://to.gmu.edu/BAM) for complete details on the application process.



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