

***University of Delaware***

***M.A. in Economic Education***

***A Joint Program of the Department of Economics  
and the School of Education***

***Program Policy Document***

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*Fall 2009*

**GRADUATE PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT FOR MA DEGREE IN ECONOMIC EDUCATION**

**Degree Requirements:**

Proseminar Courses (EDUC 805, EDUC 806)	8 credits
Research Methods Courses (EDUC 850, EDUC 852)	6 credits
Economics Courses (ECON 801, 802, 803, 829, and 2 electives)*	17 credits
<u>Research Paper (ECON 868 or EDUC 868)**</u>	<u>0-3 credits</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31 - 34 CREDITS</b>

\* Electives must be approved. ECON 811 and 812 may be substituted for ECON 801 and 802; ECON822 may be substituted for ECON803.

\*\* Research paper required only if MAEE received as terminal degree.

Students must pass all required exams in Economics, including mathematical proficiency, Microeconomic Theory, and Macroeconomic Theory. Students who receive an A or an A- in ECON 801 or ECON 811 are exempt from the Microeconomics Exam. Students who receive an A or an A- in ECON 802 or ECON 812 are exempt from the Macroeconomics Exam. The examinations in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics are given twice a year (January and June) and will typically be taken in the semester after the relevant coursework has been completed. A faculty committee consisting of at least two faculty members from the Department of Economics will be responsible for the writing and grading of the examinations. Students who do not pass an examination on the first attempt may retake it two additional times.

Students must also pass an examination based on the first year Education Proseminar courses (EDUC 805 and 806) and EDUC 850. This exam will be administered at the end of the spring semester and is designed to assess students' ability to synthesize the ideas and research methodology presented in these three first year courses. The faculty instructors for these courses will be responsible for the writing and grading of this Proseminar Assessment. Students who do not pass the examination on the first attempt may retake it one additional time prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

**Admissions Policies:** No students will be admitted directly into the MA program in Economic Education. It is intended 1) to provide an appropriate exit degree for students who are unable to complete the PhD in Economic Education for extenuating personal reasons and 2) as a requirement for continuation in the PhD program.

**Program Administration:** The PhD and MA programs in Economic Education are administered by the Committee on Graduate Studies in Economic Education (CGSEE), consisting of two faculty members from each unit appointed by the Chair of the Department of Economics and the Director of the School of Education. The Chair of the Department of Economics and the Director of the School of Education are ex-officio members of the committee. The chair of this committee will alternate between the two units on a three-year rotating basis. This committee is charged with recruiting students to the program, making admissions decisions, and assuring that the program is administered in accordance with this policy document.

**Graduate Program Faculty:** The graduate program faculty includes all full-time Department of Economics and School of Education faculty of the rank of assistant professor or above. Part-time faculty may be included at the discretion of the Chair of the Department of Economics or the Director of the School of Education.

**Requirements for Graduation:** Students must meet the University's full-time residence requirement of at least one continuous academic year consisting of at least nine credits per semester and must complete their degree within the time limit established by the University. The Office of Graduate Studies provides guidelines governing a possible extension of the time limit for circumstances beyond a student's control.

Based on a 4.0 system, the student must achieve a grade point average of 3.0 averaged over 30 credits of graduate courses (see course requirements above). The time limit is 10 consecutive semesters, to be extended in special circumstances at the discretion of the Administration Officer.