

M.S. Normal Progress Guidelines

Students making normal progress complete the M.S. degree program in one and one-half years.

| Year 1 | Coursework | Credits | Comments |
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| Fall | Econ 500 Quant Methods in Econ Analysis I | 4 cr | |
| | Econ 501 Microeconomics | 4 cr | |
| | Econ 502 Macroeconomics | 4 cr | |
| Spring | Econ 571 Intermediate Econometrics | 3 cr | File Program of Study/Committee (POSC) Form |
| | Graduate Level Economics Course | 3 cr | |
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| | Graduate level Economics Course or supporting coursework in another discipline | 3 or 4 cr | |
| Summer | Normal progress consists of 24 credits completed and a cumulative GPA \geq 3.0 | 24 cr | |

| Year 2 | Coursework | Credits | Comments |
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| Fall | Coursework applicable to POS | 0-6 cr | File Graduation Application |
| | Econ 699 Thesis research (thesis track) OR | 3-6 cr | File Request for Final Oral Examination |
| | Econ 599 Creative Comp (non-thesis track) | 2 cr | Pass Final Oral Exam |

Graduate Credit Requirements - Summary

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| Thesis – total credits required | 30 credits |
| Econ 500, 501, 502, and 571 | 15 credits |
| 4 courses (12 credits) that meet economics graduate course requirements | 12 credits |
| Research credits in connection with the preparation of thesis (Econ 699) | 3 credits |
| Non-thesis – total credits required | 32 credits |
| Econ 500, 501, 502, and 571 | 15 credits |
| 5 courses (15 credits) that meet economics graduate course requirements | 15 credits |
| Research credits in connection with the preparation of creative component (Econ 599) | 2 credits |

Program of Study and Committee Appointment Form (POSC)

Students should work with their major professor to determine a POS committee consisting of at least three graduate faculty members. At least two committee members, including the major professor, must be from the student's major with at least one committee member from outside the student's field of emphasis. In consultation with the student's POS committee, an official Program of Study is developed. This document lists all the classes the student will complete in order to obtain the desired degree. The POSC form should be filed no later than the end of the 2nd semester in the program. This form is available on the graduate student status page in AccessPlus and must be approved by the Graduate College by the end of the semester before graduation.

Application to Ph.D. Program

Students who apply for and are granted admission to the Ph.D. program for the fall semester of Year 2 need not file committee appointment and POS forms in the spring semester of Year 1. The application form for a Ph.D. upgrade is available on the Economics Department website at <http://www.econ.iastate.edu/current-graduate-students>.

Application for Graduation

Students must apply for graduation through AccessPlus by the third week of the semester in which they plan to graduate to avoid a late fee. Late Applications for Graduation will be accepted through the fifth week of the semester with an additional late fee. Fees will also be imposed for students who chose not to graduate and do not cancel their application for graduation by the cancelation deadline. If graduation is delayed to a future semester, students must refile their application in accordance with the new semester's deadlines. Students should have a completed and approved POSC form at the time of diploma slip submission.

Request for Final Examination

This form must be submitted to the Graduate College at least three weeks prior to the planned examination date. The form is submitted electronically through the Graduate College website at http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/common/forms/student_forms.php.

Final Examination

Students are required to be registered for at least one graduate credit in the semester in which they complete their final examination. A copy of the thesis or creative component must be submitted to each member of the Program of Study Committee at least two weeks before the final oral examination.

Thesis option: An oral defense-of-the-thesis examination is required.

Non-thesis option: An oral comprehensive examination is required. This examination covers both the creative component and other coursework.