

National Chung Cheng University
Department of Economics
Master Program General Requirements

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I. Students in the Master program usually graduate in two years. The Master program's minimum length is one academic year and the maximum is four academic years.

II. Course requirements

Students enrolled in the Master program must receive a minimum of 33 credit hours. The aforementioned credit hours exclude the thesis, independent study and undergraduate elective courses. Students should consult the thesis adviser and the department chair before taking courses offered by other departments. The credit hours in related courses offered by other departments would be acknowledged under the joint permission of the thesis adviser and the department chair.

The following five courses are required (3 credit hours each): Microeconomic Theory I, Macroeconomic Theory I, Econometrics I, International Trade I, and International Finance I. Students also need to take two two-credit-hour seminars on international economics. Table 1 presents a complete list of required and elective courses.

Students are suggested to take no more than four required courses every semester.

Each course has a total of 100 points and 70% is considered as a passing grade. Students who fail a course are allowed to retake the course in the following semesters.

III. Proposal Defense Examination

The proposal defense should be open to the public and must be approved by the thesis adviser and a thesis proposal defense committee. The committee members should include the thesis adviser and more than two faculty members or experts in fields related to the thesis. The time span between the proposal defense and the thesis defense should be at least 2 months.

IV. Thesis Defense Examination

Students should inform the department office of their thesis title and adviser two weeks before the starting date of the designated semester they plan to graduate.

Upon applying for the thesis defense examination, students must meet the following requirements: have passed the proposal defense examination; have a satisfactory English

proficiency level (see table 2) and have passed the academic integrity and ethics curriculum.

The starting and ending dates for applying for the dissertation defense examination are marked on the school academic calendar. The application date for a thesis defense examination must precede the thesis defense by at least two weeks.

Among the thesis examination committee members, at least one member along with the adviser should have attended the proposal defense examination.

- I. Graduate students will be granted with a master degree when he or she has passed all the course work, earned a satisfactory thesis defense examination grade and been found to have satisfactory conduct.
- II. Master students who earn excellent grades in their first-year courses can apply for the Ph.D. program.
- III. The master program requirements, including any amendments, should be approved in departmental meetings and sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for future reference.

Table 1 Master Program Curriculum

| Required Courses | Course code | Credit hours | Semester offered | Prerequisite |
|---|-------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| Microeconomic Theory I | 5105101 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Macroeconomic Theory I | 5105201 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Econometrics I | 5105301 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| International Trade I | 5105401 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| International Finance I | 5105501 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Seminar on the Topics of International Economics I | 5105803 | 2 | Fall (1) | Microeconomic Theory I, Macroeconomic Theory I, Econometrics I |
| Seminar on the Topics of International Economics II | 5105804 | 2 | Spring (2) | |
| Elective Courses | Course code | Credit hours | Semester offered | Prerequisite |
| Microeconomic Theory II | 5105102 | 3 | Spring (2) | Microeconomic Theory I |
| Macroeconomic Theory II | 5105202 | 3 | Spring (2) | Macroeconomic Theory I |
| Econometrics II | 5105302 | 3 | Spring (2) | Econometrics I |
| International Trade II | 5105402 | 3 | Fall (1) | International Trade I |
| International Finance II | 5105502 | 3 | Fall (1) | International Finance I |
| Topics in Microeconomics | 5105104 | 3 | Fall (1) | Microeconomic Theory I |
| Topics in Macroeconomics | 5105204 | 3 | Fall (1) | Macroeconomic Theory I |
| Mathematical Economics I | 5105363 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Mathematical Economics II | 5105364 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Game Theory I | 5105369 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Game Theory II | 5105368 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Industrial Organization I | 5105161 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Industrial Organization II | 5105162 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Industrial Organization III | 5105163 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Development Economics I | 5105601 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Development Economics II | 5105602 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Development Economics III | 5105603 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Topics in the Economy of Mainland China I | 5105821 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Topics in the Economy of Mainland China II | 5105822 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| International Political Economy | 5105380 | 3 | Fall (1) | |

| Elective Courses | Course code | Credit hours | Semester offered | Prerequisite |
|--|-------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| Public Economics | 5105604 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| International Trade III | 5105403 | 3 | Spring (2) | Passing grades in International Trade I and Econometrics I |
| International Trade IV | 5105404 | 3 | Spring (2) | A passing grade in International Trade I |
| International Finance III | 5105503 | 3 | Spring (2) | Passing grades in International Finance I and Econometrics I |
| International Finance IV | 5105504 | 3 | Spring (2) | A passing grade in International Finance I |
| Topics in Monetary Theory I | 5105241 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Topics in Monetary Theory II | 5105242 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Topics in Monetary Theory III | 5105243 | 3 | Fall (1) | |
| Financial Economics I | 5105641 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Financial Economics II | | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Financial Economics III | | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Financial Econometrics | 5105315 | 3 | Fall (1) | Econometrics I |
| International Financial Market | 5105510 | 3 | Spring (2) | Available to junior and senior undergraduate students. |
| Microeconometrics I | 5105311 | 3 | Spring (2) | Econometrics I |
| Microeconometrics II | 5105312 | 3 | Fall (1) | Econometrics I |
| Empirical Microeconomics | 5105701 | 3 | Fall (1) | Available to junior and senior undergraduate students. |
| Macroeconometrics | 5105320 | 3 | Spring (2) | Econometrics I |
| Applications of Macroeconometrics | 5105325 | 3 | Fall (1) | Econometrics I |
| Topics in Econometrics | 5105862 | 3 | Fall (1) | Econometrics I and Econometrics II |
| Seminar on the Topics of Finance and Economics | 510863 | 3 | Fall (1) | Available to junior and senior undergraduate students. |
| Seminar on the Topics of Economic Policy | 510864 | 3 | Spring (2) | |
| Topics in Trade and Foreign Investment | 510865 | 3 | Spring (2) | Available to junior and senior undergraduate students. |

Table 2 Master Program English Proficiency Requirements

| Option 1: Meeting the minimum requirements of one of the following certified English tests | |
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| Category | Minimum Requirement |
| TOEFL ITP | 527 |
| TOEFL-CBT | 180 |
| TOEFL-iBT | 65 |
| GEPT | High-intermediate Level |
| TOEIC | 650 |
| IELTS | 6.0 |
| FLPT | 195 |
| BULATS | ALTE Level 3 |
| Cambridge Main Suite | First Certificate in English (FCE) |

Option 2: First-year graduate students should report their TOEIC scores to the department office after their first semester in the master program. Students who receive a TOEIC score below 650 will take core English courses offered by the Applied Language Studies (Certificate Program) in the following semester. Those whose TOEIC score is below 650 will take two courses offered by the Department of Business Administration . An English proficiency requirement is met when students earn passing grades in their core courses offered by the Applied Language Studies (Certificate Program).