APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR A
MASTERS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY
Academic Year 2015-2016

Admission to graduate study is granted on the basis of evidence of preparedness to undertake advanced work and the probability of successful completion of the degree.

Foreign Language Requirement
There is no foreign language requirement for the Master of Science degree. If you are interested in having a foreign language as part of your degree, you must apply for the Master of Arts instead. The programs are otherwise academically identical to each other.

GPA Requirements
All applicants must hold a B.A. or B.S. degree from a regionally accredited institution (the degree may be in progress at the time of application, but must be completed before admission can be finalized). A minimum 3.00 GPA in overall undergraduate coursework AND a minimum of a 3.00 GPA in economics coursework are required. If you have already completed graduate coursework, a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in all graduate credit earned at accredited institutions is required.

Applicants are required to have the following undergraduate courses:
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Statistics
- Econometrics
- Univariate and Multivariate Calculus
- Linear Algebra

Courses in Mathematical Economics and Advanced Calculus are recommended, but not required.

Testing: GRE and English Language Proficiency Requirement
The Department of Economics requires all applicants to take the GRE. GRE scores of 300 (quantitative and verbal combined; 1100 by the old GRE scale) or higher are mandatory. Request that Educational Testing Services (ETS) send a copy of your scores to code #4610 (Portland State University), #1801 (Department of Economics at PSU) when registering. The GMAT with a score of 520 or higher may be considered in lieu of the GRE.
All graduate students whose first language is not English must meet the English language proficiency requirement prior to enrolling in academic classes. Completion of a bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree in Australia, English-speaking Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand or the U.S. are considered valid proof of English language proficiency. Please note that English language proficiency is a University admissions requirement that applies to all students, including resident aliens and citizens. See University minimum TOEFL requirements here or contact International Admissions at 503-725-3511 or intladm@pdx.edu.

Funding and Graduate Assistantships
The Department of Economics has a very limited number of Graduate Assistantships. Graduate Assistants in the Department of Economics receive both tuition remission and a stipend for the academic year (Fall, Winter and Spring Terms) and require the student to assist faculty members in various duties and to work in the Economics lab. The competitive applications for graduate assistantships will only be considered at the time of the Fall application date (February 1). To apply, students should check the relevant box on their application in response to the question, “Do you want to be considered for a Graduate Teaching Assistantship”. The Graduate Admissions committee awards assistantships based primarily on students' academic merit, but also considers students' financial need and future career goals. Applicants are notified of the committee’s decision in writing via the US Postal Service.

Alternate funding opportunities are also available on the Office of Graduate Studies website and information on financial aid is available on the University website http://www.pdx.edu/finaid.

Application Deadlines
The Department of Economics has rolling admissions for the graduate program (Fall and Summer, February 1; Winter, September 1; Spring: November 1.)

Once all documents have been received, please allow a minimum processing time of two to three weeks for an admissions decision by the Graduate Committee. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by the Office of Graduate Studies. Failure to supply complete and accurate information will delay the admission process and subject applicants to the University’s policies governing academic dishonesty.

Applying for an Economics Master’s Degree
Portland State University has just one application that future students need to submit. Please go to the Office of Graduate Studies’ website for the application and instructions on how to complete it, http://www.pdx.edu/ogs/future-students.

If you have questions about the admissions process, please contact our Graduate Program Administrator or the Office of Graduate Studies.