The Department of Economics and Finance offers a Master of Science degree in Economics (MSEcon). This degree provides students with the opportunity for specialization in areas within economics and for course work in related areas outside of economics. Some suggested areas for specialization within economics are applied econometrics, international economics, business economics, public choice, and border economics. Areas in which elective course work may be taken include finance, border studies, public administration, statistics, and computer information systems. All proposed degree plans must be approved by the Graduate Advisor and the Graduate School.

UTEP MSEcon alumni have embarked upon successful careers at organizations such as:

* American States Water Company
* El Paso Electric Company
* Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
* El Paso Water Utilities
* Banco de Mexico
* U.S. Federal Railroad Administration
* El Paso Office of Management & Budget

A large number of MSEcon courses are conveniently scheduled during evening hours and on Saturdays. Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of coursework.

The UTEP MBA degree program is accredited by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The UTEP College of Business Administration has earned AACSB Accreditation for both its Business Administration and Accounting programs. Less than 5 percent of business schools worldwide have earned this prestigious designation from AACSB International which provides global leadership in advancing management education.
Prospective students should have completed coursework in intermediate economic theory and quantitative methods prior to applying to the MSEcon program.

Course of Study for MS Economics Degree (30 or 36 semester hours)
Graduate Core Requirements (12 Semester Hours)
- ECON 5305 Applied Mathematical Economics
- ECON 5302 Microeconomic Theory
- ECON 5303 Macroeconomic Theory
- ECON 5370 Applied Econometrics

Additionally, all candidates must complete one of the following options:
- Thirty-Hour Thesis Option or Thirty-Six Hour Non-Thesis Option
- 12 additional graduate course hours in Economics AND
  - ECON 5398 Thesis I
  - ECON 5399 Thesis II
- 24 additional graduate course hours in Economics, Finance, and Approved Electives

Admission

**Applicant Deadlines**

Please visit [mba.utep.edu](http://mba.utep.edu) for more information on application deadlines.

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Applicants need to submit the following in order to be considered for admission to the MSEcon Program:

- Online Application for Admission into a Graduate Degree Program (available online at [mba.utep.edu](http://mba.utep.edu))
- Official transcript from an accredited institution demonstrating completion of a four-year Bachelor's degree (or equivalent in the case of an international institution) and official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (official transcripts for degrees earned at UTEP are not required)*
- Statement of Purpose, not to exceed one page, which may include a description of the applicant's professional experience, educational background, career goals and/or socio-economic background**
- GRE score*
- International applicants whose undergraduate degree was delivered in a language other than English are required to submit TOEFL score *
- Application fee (payable through the online application)
- Most prospective students are required to apply for summer admissions to the program.

* Unofficial scores and transcripts can be uploaded to online application. Official scores and transcripts must be received by the Graduate School prior to enrollment.
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Every effort was made to provide accurate and up to date information. Terms and conditions are subject to change.