MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ECONOMICS, POLICY
ECONOMICS CONCENTRATION

This is a specially designed one- to two-year program to address the
needs of two groups of students. One is promising young professionals
and administrators who need additional training in the areas of economic
analysis and quantitative techniques. The other is students who are
potentially interested in pursuing a Ph.D. degree but require additional
qualification to enable them to do so. While earning the master’s degree
and acquiring the necessary tools for further studies, they will learn if the
pursuit of a Ph.D. degree is within their reach and suits their purposes.

Students enter the program only in the fall term.

The required coursework is further enriched through

1. academic advising wherein an academic advisor with an open-
door policy allows the MSPE students to drop by his office at their
convenience, discuss their academic questions with him, and re-
optimize their program of study on a continual basis. The academic
advisor also provides guidance on study plans beyond graduation
and provides support in achieving them;

2. an orientation program that includes an intensive mathematics
course; this course serves as a refresher for the math content to be
utilized during the students’ courses in the program;

3. opportunities to participate in field trips to observe the operation of
financial institutions, modern industrial production facilities, federal
and state government agencies, and international institutions;

4. scheduled lectures by outstanding, internationally known
economists;

5. discussion groups and tutoring for participants who are having
difficulty;

6. program staff assistance with visas, housing, and other nonacademic
concerns; and

7. participation in social activities, including graduation dinners, holiday
parties, picnics, and special luncheons.

This is a designated full-cost recovery program and no financial aid is
available for the students in this program.

Please see www.mspe.illinois.edu (http://www.mspe.illinois.edu) for
detailed information on the MSPE Program.

Other Requirements

The minimum length of stay in the Program is one year (fall and
spring semesters plus one summer session).

| Minimum Hours Required Within |
| the Unit:                     |

| Minimum 500-level Hours Required |
| Overall:                        |

| Minimum GPA:                    |

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s
graduate programs (http://www.economics.uiuc.edu/programs) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

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