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 https://economics.illinois.edu/mspe for detailed information on the MSPE Program.