

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

International Political Economy	5105380	3	Fall	
Elective Courses	Course code	Credit hours	Semester offered	Prerequisite
Public Economics	5105604	3	Spring	
International Trade (III)	5105403	3	Spring	Passing grades in International Trade (I) and Econometrics (I)
International Trade (IV)	5105404	3	Spring	A passing grade in International Trade (I)
International Finance (III)	5105503	3	Spring	Passing grades in International Finance (I) and Econometrics (I)
International Finance (IV)	5105504	3	Spring	A passing grade in International Finance (I)
Topics in Monetary Theory (I)	5105241	3	Spring	
Topics in Monetary Theory (II)	5105242	3	Fall	
Topics in Monetary Theory (III)	5105243	3	Fall	
Financial Economics (I)	5105641	3	Spring	
Financial Economics (II)	5105642	3	Spring	
Financial Economics (III)	5105643	3	Spring	
Financial Econometrics	5105315	3	Fall	Econometrics (I)
International Financial Market	5105510	3	Spring	also open for Junior and Senior undergraduates
Microeconometrics (I)	5105311	3	Spring	Econometrics (I)
Microeconometrics (II)	5105312	3	Fall	Econometrics (I)
Empirical Microeconomics	5105701	3	Fall	also open for Junior and Senior undergraduates
Macroeconometrics	5105320	3	Spring	Econometrics (I)
Applications of Macroeconometrics	5105325	3	Fall	Econometrics (I)
Topics in Econometrics	5105862	3	Fall	Econometrics (I) and Econometrics (II)
Seminar on the Topics of Finance and Economics	5105863	3	Fall	also open for Junior and Senior undergraduates
Seminar on the Topics of Economic Policy	5105864	3	Spring	
Topics in Trade and Foreign Investment	5105865	3	Spring	also open for Junior and Senior undergraduates

Table 2 Master Program English Proficiency Requirements

Option 1: Meeting the minimum requirements of one of the following certified English tests	
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: 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. Option 3: 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).	