**Four + One Master’s Degree School of Economics (SOE)**

1. SOE’s 4+1 provides a curriculum that will allow ECO undergrads to complete their non-thesis ECO Master’s degree within 15 months.
2. ECO majors will normally be admitted on a provisional basis early in their junior year. Provisional admittance requires an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The undergrad’s advisor and graduate coordinator will work with the student to create a plan of study that leads to graduation within 15 months after the undergrad degree has been received. Provisional admission and the program of study will be communicated to the UMaine Graduate School.
3. During the period of provisional admittance undergrad students will take 3 designated SOE grad courses toward the master’s degree (normally ECO 514 515 530); these courses will also count toward the undergraduate degree (joint credits). During this period the student will also take at least one grad course (normally ECO 531) that will transfer into the grad program but will not count toward the undergrad degree. All grad courses transferred in must be part of the student’s graduate Program of Study.
4. During their senior year, students accepted provisionally into the 4 +1 program must complete a standard graduate school application (including submission of Graduate Record Examination scores and payment of application fee) and must adhere to any special application procedures specified by SOE. Upon graduation with a bachelor’s degree, and with satisfactory performance in courses taken as an undergraduate (defined as 3.5 cumulative GPA and no grade below “B” in the courses to be transferred into the master’s degree), the student may formally matriculate into the master’s program.
5. In general, students who meet the requirements for admission must complete their master’s program within 15 months after receiving their B.A. degree in order to use the joint credits. Extenuating circumstances may allow a variance to this rule, and the student must provide an appeal to the Dean of the UMaine Graduate School.
6. Students in the 4 +1 program, like all students in SOE graduate programs, must meet the graduate admissions requirements as specified by SOE. Applicants are required to have all prerequisites completed as part of the undergraduate course of study.
7. Once formally matriculated into the master’s program all degree requirements must be met.