School of Economics 4+1 Economics Master's Program

Pre-Application

This form is an internal application for admission to the 4+1 accelerated route for graduate study in the School of Economics (SOE) at the University of Maine. As a general policy, the School of Economics does not offer graduate funding for 4+1 students.

The 4+1 Route to a Master's Degree in Economics

The 4+1 program allows Economics majors to take on graduate coursework during their final undergraduate years in order to complete a master's degree with one year of graduate study. Students first apply to the 4+1 program <u>during their sophomore or junior year</u>, using this pre-application. If preliminarily accepted, students take graduate coursework during their junior and senior years, which can be counted toward their graduate degree if accepted into the program. <u>Acceptance to the graduate program is separate and not guaranteed by this pre-application</u>. Prospective 4+1 students must apply to Graduate School during their senior year. If accepted as a graduate student, the graduate course credits taken during undergraduate study will be counted toward the student's graduate record upon successful completion of Master's requirements. This form helps to prepare students for the 4+1 trajectory by facilitating their degree planning.

Submit this Pre-Application to the School of Economics graduate program:

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Option 1: Slow and Steady

Option 2: Quick and Energetic

Pre-Apply: Spring of Sophomore Year Qualified students (GPA of 3.0 and above; B or better in calculus, ECO 321 and ECO 350 or 420) can submit a 4+1 pre-application. ¹	Pre-Apply: Spring of Junior Year Qualified students (GPA of 3.0 and above; B or better in calculus, ECO 321 and ECO 350 or 420) can submit a 4+1 pre-application. ¹
Prepare: Junior and Senior Years Student takes 9-12 credits ² of graduate courses over the next 4 semesters (e.g. ECO 511, 514, 530 and 531 or 532).	Prepare: Senior Year Student takes 9-12 credits ² of graduate courses over the next 2 semesters (e.g. ECO 511, 514, 530 and 531 or 532).
Apply to Master's Degree: Senior Year Submit application ³ to the Graduate S constitutes final admission to the 4+1	chool in January. Graduate acceptance track and graduate program.
Student completes gradu	(+1) Year: ate coursework within 15 duate graduation. Upon

completion, graduate courses from undergraduate years are counted toward the master's degree.

¹ Applicants to the 4+1 track will be sent a letter of admission status (copying Graduate School). Acceptance in the 4+1 track is not acceptance to the Graduate School.

² Students may count graduate courses taken as an undergraduate toward their graduate degree in proportion to their total undergraduate credit load, provided those courses are not used to meet undergraduate degree requirements. With 120 total credits, 9 graduate credits (~3 courses) can be counted toward the masters, for 123 total credits, 12 graduate credits (~4 courses) can be counted, and for 126 total credits, 15 graduate credits (~5 courses) can be counted.

³ Programs have the discretion to waive admission requirements for 4+1 students such as GRE scores and letters of recommendation.

SOE 4+1 Application

I. Applicant Data

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Date of Birth		_ Gender		
Current undergraduate deg	gree you are seeking:			
Cumulative undergraduate	GPA on a 4.0 scale:			
Semester you expect to tak	e first graduate course:			
I. Academic History				
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III. Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Provide the date you have taken or intend to take the Graduate Record Examination (Not required until senior year)				
Date of Exam				
GRE scores: Verbal Qua	ntitative	Analytical Writing	Subject	
Please have the official scores from the institution code for UMaine (ORONO)				
IV. References				
List names and addresses of three pe recommendation must be recent and academic work, to judge your capacit Applicants should request the named and/or electronic letters are acceptable	must be writte y for advanced people to send	n by people qualified, through postudy. Current university instruct	ersonal experience with your tors would be highly appropriate.	
Name	Address (inclu	de physical address, email and p	hone)	
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Select the Master's degree you are M.A. in Economics M.S. in Economics M.A. in Financial Economic M.S. in Resource Economic	s	arn more: <u>umaine.edu/soe/graduate</u>)	

V. Preliminary Program of Study Draft

Undergraduate Career Plan

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Graduate Career Plan

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Ensure the program of study matches your chosen graduate degree requirements, which can be found at: umaine.edu/soe/graduate.

VI. Letter of Intent

In the space below, compose a 1-page essay (approx. 500 words) describing your academic and personal objectives. Identify your interests and skills relative to your proposed degree and career plan.

VII. Applicant Signature

Signature	Date	

Notifications:

Preliminary admission to the 4+1 track cannot be made until the complete application is received. It is your responsibility to keep copies and be sure your application materials are complete and have all been received by the Graduate Coordinator.

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