

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 double-count up to 9 credits of graduate coursework for their undergraduate and graduate degrees to complete a Master's degree with only one year of dedicated graduate study. Applying to the 4+1 program is a two-part process: preliminary admission during their undergraduate training and formal admission into the graduate program. Students first apply using this pre-application during their sophomore or junior year. If preliminarily accepted, students take graduate coursework during their junior and senior years. Acceptance to the graduate program is separate and not guaranteed by this pre-application. 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 count toward the student's graduate record upon completing the 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 220 and ECO 221) 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 220 and ECO 221) can submit a 4+1 pre-application.¹

Prepare: Junior and Senior Years

Student takes 9-12 credits² 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 credits² 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 application³ to the Graduate School in January. Graduate acceptance constitutes final admission to the 4+1 track and graduate program.

Graduate (+1) Year:

Student completes graduate coursework within 15 months after undergraduate 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 4+1 students may double-count 9 credits of graduate courses for both their undergraduate and graduate programs. If they want to take more than 9 credits of graduate courses as an undergraduate, they must choose whether the additional courses will count for their graduate or undergraduate degree. The additional credits (>9 credits) can only count for the graduate program if they are in excess of the 120 credits required for an undergraduate degree. For example, if a student takes 15 credits of graduate courses as an undergraduate, only 9 of those credits can also count toward their undergraduate degree, and they must graduate with at least 126 credits for the extra 6 credits to count toward their graduate degree.

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

I. Applicant Data

Name _____ MaineStreet ID _____
(Family Name) (First) (Middle)

Maiden name or other names under which records may be filed _____

Mailing Address _____
(Street) (City, State) (Zip Code) (Country)

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Current undergraduate degree you are seeking: _____

Cumulative undergraduate GPA on a 4.0 scale: _____

Semester you expect to take first graduate course: _____

II. Academic History

Please provide a list of all the colleges and universities you attended, along with their locations, in chronological order. Please include the dates on which you joined and left these institutions and specify any degrees you have received or are currently pursuing. Please note that the University of Maine transcripts will be accessed by the School of Economics. However, if you attended any other colleges or universities, please ensure that official transcripts are sent **directly** to the SOE Graduate Coordinator (contact information above).

Name of Institution	Dates Attended	Major	Name of Degree or Diploma	Date Degree Received or Expected

List any honors, prizes or scholarships previously awarded to you on the basis of academic achievement, or any honor societies to which you have been elected.

List any employment or other activities related to your current undergraduate program or the proposed graduate program of study. If you have taught, name subjects.

III. Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Provide the date you have taken or intend to take the **Graduate Record Examination** (Not required)

Date of Exam _____

GRE scores: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical Writing _____ Subject _____

Please have the official scores from the GRE exams sent directly to the University of Maine Graduate School. The institution code for UMaine (ORONO) is 3916. Register for the GRE Computer-based General Test at www.ets.org.

IV. References

Please provide the names and addresses of three individuals who can write you letters of recommendation for your application. It is important that the letters are recent and written by someone who has personal experience with your academic work and can assess your potential for advanced study. Your current university instructors would be highly appropriate. Please ensure that the individuals you name are aware that they should send their recommendations directly to the Grad Coordinator. Both hard copy and electronic letters are acceptable.

Name	Address (include the physical address, email, and phone)
1.	
2.	
3.	

Select the Master's degree you are pursuing: (learn more: umaine.edu/soe/graduate)

- ☐ M.A. in Economics
- ☐ M.S. in Economics
- ☐ M.S. in Financial Economics
- ☐ M.S. in Resource Economics & Policy

V. Preliminary Program of Study Draft

Undergraduate Career Plan

Semester	Courses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••
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Graduate Career Plan (Year 1; 4+1 program)

Semester	Courses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••

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, please write a 500-word essay detailing your academic and personal objectives. Discuss your relevant interests and skills in relation to your intended degree and career plan.

VII. Applicant Signature

Signature_____ Date_____

Notifications:

Please note that preliminary admission to the 4+1 track can only be granted once the complete application is received. You are responsible for ensuring that you have all the required materials and that your application is complete. Please keep copies of all application materials and ensure they have been received by the Graduate Coordinator.

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