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

Pre-Apply: Spring of Junior Year

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

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Option 2: Quick and Energetic

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

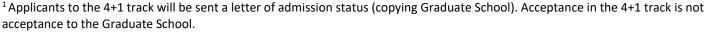
Student takes 9-12 credits² of graduate courses over the next 2 semesters (e.g., ECO 511, 514, 530, and 531 or 532).

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.



²4+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 <u>also</u> count toward their undergraduate degree, <u>and</u> 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

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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)					
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IV. References					
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V. Preliminary Program of Study Draft

Undergraduate Career Plan

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Graduate Career Plan (Year 1; 4+1 program)

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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, 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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