



4 + 1 Accelerated Master's Degree

Department of Economics

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Dedman College
of Humanities & Sciences

The Department of Economics offers current SMU undergraduate students the opportunity to take graduate courses towards an M.A. degree in Applied Economics.



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Why do a 4+ 1?

Earn 2 degrees in only 5 years

By taking graduate courses in your senior year, you can accelerate completion of a 2-year Master's degree in one additional year.

Save money on tuition

Graduate courses taken in your final undergraduate year will fall under the undergraduate tuition rate, which also allows the use of federal financial aid.

Enter the workforce with a significant advantage

Having a master's degree creates access to a wider range of job opportunities and higher starting pay than with a bachelor's alone. Connections made with program alumni increase your professional network.





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Where do I start?

Interested SMU undergraduate economics majors should consult with their Undergraduate Advisor for approval before the end of the Spring semester of their Sophomore year (or after completing 60 credits hours, including transfer and test credits). Approved candidates should work closely with the Undergraduate and Graduate Advisors to plan the appropriate curriculum path.

Students need certain prerequisites to be eligible for the program. The Undergraduate Advisor will help you decide if this is a good option for you.

Check out the online application form [here!](#)

How does it work?

Students who are enrolled in the Economics B.A. or B.S. program and are approved 4+1 candidates must apply to the M.A. program in their senior year. If admitted, then they are eligible to take courses in their final year.

Please note that students cannot take more than 30 graduate credits in this final year.

Once you complete the requirements for your Bachelor's degree, you're ready to move on to your Master's, which has already started!

Questions? Contact us!

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