### Great, tell me more!

- You will take three graduate ECO courses (9 credit hours) as an undergraduate.
- The graduate courses will be taken as additional courses while pursuing your undergraduate degree.
- Graduate courses may be used to satisfy certain undergraduate course requirements. However, students must complete a minimum of 129 credit hours upon graduation before starting the master's program.
- You will carefully review the course selection guide to ensure that you take proper courses.
- After you graduate, you will then complete the "+1" portion of the program (i.e. taking at least 7 additional graduate courses).



### **Questions?**

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- Earn two degrees your undergraduate degree and a M.A. in Applied Economics in five years
- Save tuition money. Graduate courses taken as an undergraduate, will fall under the undergraduate tuition rate, which allows the use of federal financial aid.
- More job opportunities
- Higher starting salary
- Grow your professional network

### **How Do I Start?**

- 1. Review the program materials.
- 2. Express initial interest by emailing the undergraduate advisor. It is best to begin planning your schedule for the program prior to the end of your sophomore year or completion of 60 credits.
- 3. For detailed help selecting courses, review the Course Selection Guide and contact your academic advisor for further assistance.
- 4. Before any semester in which you register for graduate course(s), you will need to submit the online 6000-level course form for permission to enroll.

Will I Still Have to Apply for the Master's Program?



- Yes. Although you will be classified as a 4+1 student and permitted to take graduate-level courses, formal admission to the master's program does not occur until you submit an official application. Throughout the process, you will receive guidance regarding your progress toward admission when enrolling in graduate courses as part of the 4 +1 program.
- Students must complete their bachelor's degree with a minimum of 129 credit hours before entering the master's program.
- You cannot apply to the M.A. program until your final undergraduate semester.
- If admitted, then you will be eligible to complete the last year of the program (i.e. the +1 portion).