

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

COMBINED FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM IN ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

(Pending State Education Department approval) The five-year program in economics and finance offers current majors the opportunity to enhance their training with masters-level courses in economics and in finance, completing both the BS in economics with a specialization in financial economics and the MA in economics with a concentration in economics and finance at Binghamton University in five years. To allow completion of both degrees in five years, three graduate courses substitute for undergraduate courses required for the BS. Credit for these courses will be applied to both programs.

Students may apply to the department for admission to the five-year program in the second semester of their third year. Admission to the fifth year is through the Graduate School and conditional on earning an average GPA of 3.0 in three graduate courses taken in the fourth year.

BS IN ECONOMICS

Specialization in Financial Economics

62 credits in courses fulfilling University and Harpur College requirements not fulfilled by courses required for the major and in elective courses

ECON 160
ECON 162
ECON 360
ECON 362
ECON 366
ECON 466
ECON 467

Five ECON electives, at least three numbered between 400-489, at least three from list including ECON 350, 436, 437, 440, 441, 442, 446, 449, 450, 461, 462

MATH 220 or 221
CS 205
ACCT 211
FIN 311

BS/MA IN ECONOMICS

Concentration in Economics and Finance

Undergraduate Component

62 credits in courses fulfilling University and Harpur College requirements not fulfilled by courses required for the major and in elective courses

ECON 160
ECON 162
ECON 360
ECON 362
ECON 366

Four ECON electives, at least three numbered between 400-489, at least three from list including ECON 350, 436, 437, 440, 441, 442, 446, 449, 450, 461, 462

MATH 220 or 221
CS 205
ACCT 211
FIN 311

Graduate Component

ECON 500
ECON 501
ECON 502
ECON 503
ECON 504
ECON 594
Two FIN electives
One elective in ECON or FIN

NOTES:

1. The BS in Economics with *specialization in financial economics* requires 16 courses (64 credits) which, when added to the total of 62 credits for other requirements and electives, equals the 126 credits required for graduation in Harpur College.
2. The program shown for the MA in Economics with *concentration in economics and finance* assumes undergraduate exposure to accounting and finance, as is the case for all students in the combined BS/MA program. It requires 9 courses (36 credits).
3. Three MA courses, ECON 500, 501, and 502, are taken in the 4th (last undergraduate) year in the combined program, and three requirements for the BS in Economics with *specialization in economics and finance* are eliminated. ECON 466 (Introduction to Econometrics) and ECON 467 (Economic Forecasting) are replaced by analogous Master's-level courses, ECON 502 (Econometric Methods) and ECON 504 (Economic Forecasting). The number of economics electives is reduced from five to four.
4. Students who enroll in the combined program and take ECON 466 and ECON 467 during their first four years would be able to graduate with a BS in Economics with *specialization in financial economics* (assuming fulfillment of other requirements for that degree) if they decide not to complete the combined program. Otherwise, they could qualify for a BA in Economics. Students who take ECON 467 as undergraduates and complete the combined program would be allowed to substitute it for ECON 504, and the number of required graduate credits would be reduced to 32.
5. Admission to the 4th year of the combined program will be by application to the department early in the 2nd semester of the 3rd year. An admissions committee consisting of the chair, graduate director, and undergraduate director will review academic achievement and, at its option, interview applicants. Applicants will normally be notified of decisions in time for advanced registration for fall courses. Admission will be limited. Annual enrollment target is five students.
6. Admission to the 5th year will be by application to the Graduate School in the 4th year and will be conditional on an overall average GPA of 3.0 in ECON 500, 501, and 502.