

“The study discipline in the graduate program at Eastern proved invaluable in tackling the challenges of many different fields. The structure of Eastern’s program, with its small classes and personalized attention, develops a confidence and flexibility that serves a graduate well in today’s dynamic workplace.”

- **Norman Plummer**  
M.A., Economics, EIU



Master of Arts  
in **Economics**

## Further Information

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## College of Sciences

# Master of Arts in Economics



At Eastern, the Master of Arts degree in the Department of Economics provides the broad background and practical skills necessary for public- and private-sector economists, for community-college teachers, and for applicants to Ph.D. programs.

The department has earned a reputation for excellence in teaching, research, and service to the University and the surrounding community. Students appreciate the availability of our award-winning faculty and the wide range of courses offered in our program.

The men and women of the Economics faculty have lived, studied, and taught extensively throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East, South America, and Asia. Their teaching and research interests are equally as diverse.

**Erik Pizer**  
Economics graduate student

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### Requirements

Students may choose between a thesis and a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires ten courses:

- Econometrics
- Advanced Macroeconomic Theory
- Advanced Microeconomic Theory
- Thesis
- Six other graduate economics courses

The non-thesis option requires twelve courses:

- Econometrics
- Advanced Macroeconomic Theory
- Advanced Microeconomic Theory
- Research Methods
- Graduate Forum
- Seven other graduate economics courses

### Thesis

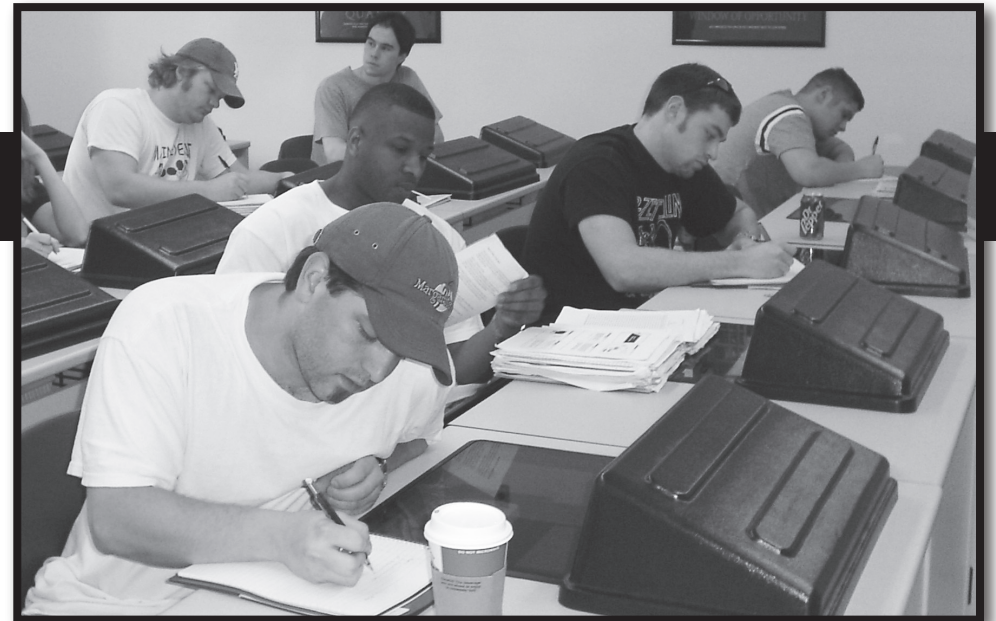
The final product of the thesis course is a formal research manuscript. It is produced under the supervision of a faculty member who serves as thesis advisor. The student registers for a three hour thesis course, prepares a research proposal, researches and writes their thesis, then orally defends their research manuscript before a faculty committee.

### Graduate Forum

The final product of the Graduate Forum course is an oral presentation of research. It is produced under the supervision of a faculty member who serves as forum advisor. In this course, panels of two to three students prepare and orally present a report at the end of the semester on an economic issue selected by the graduate committee.

### Individualized Attention in a Modern Environment

Small graduate course size allows students to gain more individualized attention to fit their personal needs. To help students develop their research interests, faculty encourage student involvement in their research. Eastern's Economics faculty are currently conducting research in a variety of areas including applied macroeconomics, retirement issues, development economics, international trade, the evolution of financial systems, institutional economics, the economics of migration in third-world countries, labor economics, and environmental economics.



Economics graduate students often attend professional meetings with faculty members. This allows the students to participate in discussions of cutting-edge economic research and to meet faculty and graduate students in their field from other schools.

In keeping with the new technologies available, the departmental classrooms include computer projection equipment for presentations and lectures, as well as a computer lab for the use of economics classes and students.

### Admission

Students who wish to pursue a Masters Degree in Economics should apply for admission to the Graduate School of Eastern Illinois University. Admission applications can be obtained from the Graduate School, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920 or online at [www.eiu.edu/~graduate](http://www.eiu.edu/~graduate).

Full admission to the program requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with 18 semester hours in economics, although students with fewer than 18 hours will be considered.

### Assistantships Available

The Department of Economics offers a number of graduate assistantships. The deadline for application is March 1st, and awards are made in late March/early April for the subsequent academic year. Assistantships offer a monthly stipend and tuition waiver (Fall, Spring and frequently Summer). Graduate Assistants tutor undergraduates in first year economics courses and/or provide research assistance to faculty. Applications can be found at [www.eiu.edu/~economic/Students/instruct.htm](http://www.eiu.edu/~economic/Students/instruct.htm).

### About Eastern

Eastern Illinois University, located in the east central Illinois community of Charleston, is recognized among the top 100 universities in the country – a choice for more than 10,000 students annually who can select from a broad range of academic programs and degree offerings. Students attending Eastern receive a high quality education characterized by small classes taught by a dedicated and caring faculty who place student success as their top priority. We invite you to join the thousands of students who have made Eastern their choice.