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Program Status Active

Academic Level Graduate

Type of proposal Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)

Are you adding a concentration?

No

Are you adding or modifying a track?

No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?

No

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2024

College/School Code

Walton College of Business (WCOB)

Department Code

Department of Economics (ECON)

In Workflow

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4. Jan 24, 2023 by
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45.0603 - Econometrics and Quantitative Economics.

Program Title

Economic Analytics, Master of Science

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Online/Web-based

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total 30
hours needed to
complete the
program?

On-line/Web-based Information

Reason for offering
Web-based Program

To provide opportunities for students to complete the program in an online format.

Maximum Class Size 20
for Web-based
Courses

Course delivery
mode

Method(s)
Online

Class interaction
mode

Method(s):
Electronic Bulletin Boards
E-mail
Blog

Percent Online

100% with No Required Campus Component

Provide a List of
Services Supplied by
Consortia Partners or
Outsourced
Organization

The only service outsourced is online proctoring service. The University of Arkansas partners with ProctorU for online test proctoring services for some online exams.

Estimate Costs of the
Program over the
First 3 Years

The program will be initially funded using Walton College operational funds and, eventually, program revenues as they are generated. Start-up marketing and recruiting costs will initially be supported by the College. Administrative responsibilities will be handled by the

Economics
 Department Masters
 Program Coordinator.

List Courses Taught
 by Adjunct Faculty

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 Memorandum of
 Understanding Forms
 (if required)

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Admission Requirements: Students must apply to and meet the admission [requirements](#) of the Graduate School of Business and be admitted by the departmental admissions committee.

Prerequisites to Degree Program: Students entering the M.S. in Economic Analytics program are expected to have already mastered basic economic concepts or, demonstrated, with an official GMAT or GRE test score, the ability to master economic concepts taught in the program. Students without academic backgrounds in economics may be required to take additional hours or noncredit preparatory classes prior to enrollment in the M.S. program. Students from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Requirements for the Master of Science Degree: Requirements include one or more courses from each of the following core areas: Data Management, Economic Models, Econometrics and Data Science, and Communication and Professional Development.

Academic Standing and Dismissal: [Please see the Graduate School of Business policy for more information.](#)

Students whose previous studies or experience indicate mastery of basic economic concepts must satisfactorily complete the 30 hours of course work listed below.

Core Courses

30

[ECON 5263](#) Applied Microeconomics

[ECON 5743](#) Introduction to Econometrics

[ECON 5753](#) Forecasting

[ECON 5783](#) Applied Microeconometrics

[ECON 636V](#) **Special Problems in Economics**

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[ECON 5813](#) Economic Analytics I (Economic Analytics I)

[ECON 5823](#) Economic Analytics II (Economic Analytics II)

[ECON 5833](#) [Data Exploration and Communication for Economics](#)

<u>ECON 5843</u>	<u>Economic Policy & Data Analysis</u>	
<u>ISYS 5103</u>	Data Analytics Fundamentals	
ISYS-5833	Data Management Systems	3
3 hours of approved ECON elective		3
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Total Hours		30

Additional Degree Requirements, Non-Thesis Option

In addition to 30 hours of required coursework, students must take a comprehensive exam. The comprehensive exam will take the form of the final project in ECON 5823 Economic Analytics II. An individual's grade of B or above in the project will be considered a pass on the comprehensive exam.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student 10-15

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Scheduled Program 2026-2027 ~~2026~~

Review Date

Program Goals and

Objectives

Program Goals and Objectives

The Master of Science in Economic Analytics is an intensive program that will guide students through economic modeling and theory to computational practice and cutting-edge tools, providing a thorough training in descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive analytics. Students will be armed with a solid knowledge of econometric and machine learning methods, optimization, and computing. These "big-data" skills, combined with knowledge of economic modeling, will enable them to identify, assess, and seize the opportunity for data-driven value creation in the private and public sector.

Learning Outcomes

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Students will have the ability to apply econometric and machine learning methods, optimization, and computing to identify, assess, and seize the opportunity for data-driven value creation in the private and public sector.

Examinations will involve problem solving and practicum-style data-analysis, depending upon the course.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
<p>Deletion of ECON 636V Special Topics and ISYS 5833 Data Management Systems.</p> <p>Addition of 2 new courses ECON 5833 Data Exploration and Communication for Economics and ECON 5843 Economic Policy and Data Analysis.</p> <p>12 hours of net change.</p> <p>Reformatting of 30 program hours from individual course entries to Core Courses header.</p>	<p>Course deletions and additions to address specific alumni and employer feedback for increased data analysis skills specific to the field of Economics.</p> <p>Reformatting of how hours are listed to standardize formatting across all Walton master's programs.</p>

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Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (11/02/23 9:58 am): ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove Undergraduate Council from the workflow.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (11/02/23 1:48 pm): Undergraduate Council removed from workflow.

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