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**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

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WELCOME

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Department of Economics, we would like to welcome our new students, as well as welcome back our continuing students to the new academic year. To our continuing students, we encourage you to keep up the good work as you resume your studies. To our new students, we hope that our collegial atmosphere and small class sizes prove to be a great environment where you can learn, foster new connections, and ultimately receive your M.S. degree.

To all, we hope that you will find the information in this booklet helpful. If you need any assistance, please contact the Administrative Team (Katie Thorp, Kathleen Downey, Michelle E'toile), or the appropriate program faculty member (Associate Teaching Professor Xiaolin Shi, M.S. Graduate Program Director, Professor of Practice Florin Bidian, Coordinator of the Seattle Program). We recommend that you consult with the appropriate faculty member to plan your program and select your courses.

We wish all of you a successful academic year.

Sincerely,

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Academic Advising

Incoming graduate students are encouraged to reach out to their Program Directors who will serve as their first-year faculty advisors. Master's students are also encouraged to reach out to any of our Co-op advisors to discuss Co-op opportunities and to carefully read the Co-op information section of this guide.

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Economics Faculty

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**Only one field is shown, but many faculty work across several fields of interest.*

NAME

PRIMARY FIELD*

Brookelyn Adams, Part-Time Lecturer

Macroeconomics

Brookelyn Adams' teaching and research focuses on macroeconomics, monetary economics, and economic uncertainty, and she brings experience teaching large-enrollment courses at both the University of Missouri and Illinois State University.

M. Shahid Alam, Emeritus Professor of Economics

Political Economy

Shahid Alam's research interests extend over the following questions – Dynamics of capitalism; Alternative approaches to the study of economics; Critiques of mainstream economics; Political economy of corruption; Economic stagnation in the Middle East since 1500s; and Qur'anic reasoning.

Ilter Bakkal, Assistant Teaching Professor of Economics

Environmental Economics

Ilter Bakkal's teaching and research interests are in environmental economics and microeconomics. Courses that he has taught include History of Economic Thought, Microeconomic Theory, Environmental Economics, and the Senior Seminar.

Santiago Caicedo, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance

Macroeconomics

Santiago Caicedo's research connects microdata with economic theory to study social interactions, human capital formation, economic growth and development, innovation, and organizational economics.

Jianfei Cao, Assistant Professor of Economics

Econometrics

Jianfei Cao studies applied and theoretical econometrics. His research has chiefly been in the areas of machine learning methods in economic applications, causal inference in comparative case studies, and weak identification.

James Dana, Professor of Economics and Strategy (joint appointment with DMSB)

Industrial Organization

James Dana is a leading researcher in theoretical industrial organization, competitive strategy, and operations management, with emphasis on pricing under uncertainty, corporate strategies for managing demand uncertainty, and revenue management.

James Kurt Dew, Part-time Lecturer

Monetary policy

Kurt Dew teaches and writes about the need for market-based innovation. He also writes about market micro-structure, distributed ledger technology, monetary policy, bank regulation, and performance of bank stocks.

Jill Dupree, Associate Teaching Professor of Economics

Jill Dupree's teaching and research interests are in the areas of International Economics, Economic Development, and Economic History. She has recently developed the *Dialogue of Civilization – Economic Development in Rwanda*. This program provides experiential learning in development and conflict economics.

Economic History

Bilge Erten, Associate Professor of Economics and International Affairs

Bilge Erten's research interests lie in Development Economics, with a focus on Gender, Health, and Education. She studies the causes and consequences of domestic violence; education, mental health, and violence against children; and globalization and women's empowerment in developing countries.

*Development
Economics*

Frank Georges, Associate Teaching Professor of Economics

Frank Georges has research interests in applied microeconomics, econometrics, labor economics and industrial organization. He has written about diverse topics that involve both data and theory.

*Applied
Microeconomics*

Roy Gernhardt, Visiting Lecturer

Roy Gernhardt recently earned his Ph.D. in Labor and Development Economics. His teaching emphasizes clarity, accessibility, and student agency, with a focus on helping students develop conceptual understanding and critical thinking skills.

*Development
Economics*

Onsel Gulbitten, Part-Time Lecturer

Onsel Gulbitten is an economist with over 17 years of experience in macroeconomic research, investment strategy, and policy analysis along with a strong academic foundation with teaching and research experience at the University of Chicago.

Macroeconomics

Mark Hooker, Teaching Professor in Economics

Mark Hooker has taught courses in macroeconomics, econometrics and finance at Dartmouth, Wellesley, and Boston Colleges prior to joining Northeastern in 2020. From 1997 to 2000 he served as a staff economist at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and worked for more than a decade after that at State Street Global Advisors.

Macroeconomics

Aleksandra Jakubowski, Assistant Professor of Economics and Global Health

Aleksandra Jakubowski's research focuses on health economics and public policy. She designs field experiments applying experimental methods to address the cross-cutting themes of equitable access to healthcare and quality of public health services in low-income settings.

*Health Economics/
Development
Economics*

Shantanu Khanna, Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy

Shantanu Khanna is an applied microeconomist. His research explores issues like inequality, hiring and wage discrimination, women's empowerment, and the impacts of public policies (especially place-based policies) on firms and workers.

Macroeconomics

Nancy Kimelman, Assistant Teaching Professor of Economics

Labor Economics

Nancy Kimelman has worked at the Federal Reserve Bank as a monetary economist and as a financial economist on Wall Street. As a columnist she has written for *Financial World* and *Bloomberg* and has appeared as a commentator on NPR, CNBC, CNN/FN, Reuters, BBC and NECN.

Martin Konan, Part-Time Lecturer

Microeconomics

Martin Konan has over twenty-five years of undergraduate teaching experience. He teaches a variety of introductory and advanced economics and finance courses.

John Kwoka, Finnegan Distinguished Professor

*Industrial
Organization*

John Kwoka teaches and conducts research in the areas of industrial organization, antitrust, and regulatory economics. His co-edited book of antitrust cases *The Antitrust Revolution* is in its sixth edition, his most recent book, *Antitrust Economics at a Time of Upheaval: Recent Competition Policy Cases on Two Continents* was published in August of 2023.

Jun Ma, Professor of Economics and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies

Macroeconomics

Jun Ma's primary research areas are macroeconomics and international finance, financial economics, applied time series econometrics, and the Chinese economy.

Mindy Marks, Associate Professor of Economics

Labor Economics

Mindy Marks' projects involve large-scale empirical evaluations that use careful statistical analysis to determine underlying causal relationships. Current research interests include the impact of occupational licensing laws on labor markets, the relationship between academic time use in college and future earnings and the impact of adverse weather events on health.

Alicia Sasser Modestino, Associate Professor of Economics

Labor Economics

Alicia Sasser Modestino is an associate professor with appointments in the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs and the Department of Economics. Her current research focuses on labor market dynamics including skills mismatch, youth labor market attachment, migration, and the impact of health care reform on employers.

Shariq Mohammed, Assistant Professor of Economics

Labor Economics

Professor Mohammed's research interest lies at the intersection of labor economics, economic history, and development economics. His current research focuses on two central and related questions: how does access to opportunities and other socio-economic outcomes differ across groups (e.g., race, gender, caste), and more importantly, what policies can help bridge this gap.

Abdul Ghaffar Mughal, Visiting Assistant Professor

*International Political
Economy,
Development
Economics*

Dr. Mughal has taught over 20 undergraduate and graduate courses in economics, including, among others, International Political Economy, International Economics, Development Economics, Transitional Economics, International Finance and History of Economic Development.

Richeng Piao, Visiting Lecturer

Richeng Piao teaches a variety of introductory and advanced economics courses. Richeng earned a Ph.D. in economics from Northeastern University and a B.S. in economics and mathematics from SUNY Albany.

Econometrics

Gerald Porter, Lecturer in Economics

Jerry Porter is a 30+ year veteran of the financial services industry having worked as an institutional trader of options and equities as well as a capital markets expert with years of experience as a public speaker and lecturer on trading, macroeconomics and capital markets.

Macroeconomics

Nishith Prakash, Professor of Economics and Public Policy

Nishith Prakash's research revolves around empowering human capital in low-income countries. His primary research interests include development, political economy, public policy, economics of education, and behavioral economics.

*Development
Economics*

Silvia Prina, Professor of Economics

Silvia Prina is a development economist interested in understanding the behavior of poor households for the purpose of discovering potential strategies to improve their lives.

*Development
Economics*

Samuel Richardson, Part-Time Lecturer

Samuel Richardson has taught extensively at Harvard, Boston College, and the University of Texas at Austin, with expertise in health economics, policy, and applied microeconomics.

Health Economics

Matthew B. Ross, Associate Professor, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs and Economics

Matthew B. Ross is an applied microeconomist working at the intersection of urban, public, and labor economics. His research and public engagement seek to better inform policy and positively impact society.

*Applied
Microeconomics*

Andrés Shahidinejad, Assistant Professor of Economics and Finance

Andrés Shahidinejad received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business in 2022. His primary research interests include household finance, public economics, banking and nonprofit organizations.

Household Finance

Xiaolin Shi, Associate Teaching Professor of Economics & M.S. Program Director

Xiaolin Shi's research interests include applied econometrics, labor and demographics economics, and public policy evaluations. She is the faculty advisor for the MSA student organization.

Applied Econometrics

Michael P. Stone, Interim Chair and Teaching Professor of Economics

Michael Stone's areas of specialization are law and economics, public economics, and applied microeconomics. His research has appeared in *International Review of Law and Economics* and *Contemporary Economic Policy*, among other journals.

Law & Economics

Timothy J. Tardiff, Part-Time Lecturer

In Dr. Tardiff's distinguished career in both academia and consulting, he has participated in numerous legal and regulatory proceedings regarding telecommunications, economics, intellectual property, antitrust, and regulation issues.

*Regulatory Economics***Jacob Thompson, Visiting Lecturer**

Jacob Thompson is a behavioral macroeconomist with research interests in macroeconomic modeling, with a focus on Bayesian DSGE models and the role of belief formation in shaping economic dynamics.

*Macroeconomics***Robert Triest, Professor of Economics**

An applied economist whose research focuses on labor economics and public policy, Robert Triest's recent work focuses on the intersection of economic circumstances and educational outcomes as well as the impact of long-term unemployment on household finances. Professor Triest was the Chair of the NU Department of Economics from 2018 to 2024.

*Labor Economics***Veysel Ulusoy, Part-Time Lecturer**

Dr. Veysel Ulusoy is an experienced scholar in international trade, economic growth, and econometrics, with over 25 years of teaching and research experience.

*Econometrics***Madhavi Venkatesan, Associate Teaching Professor of Economics**

Madhavi Venkatesan's academic interests include the integration of sustainability into the economics curriculum. She has been active in promoting education and stakeholder engagement to incorporate ethics into the existing economic framework and her written work has largely focused on these topics as a catalyst for promoting sustainability.

*Economics of Sustainability***Gustavo Vicentini, Teaching Professor of Economics**

Gustavo Vicentini's areas of research interest are industrial organization and applied econometrics. Gustavo is also the Undergraduate Program Director of the Department of Economics, overseeing undergraduate curriculum development and related matters.

*Industrial Organization***Shuo Zhang, Assistant Professor of Economics and Computer Science**

Shuo Zhang's research interests are in labor economics, platform design and algorithmic fairness. She mainly works on the empirics of job search and matching in online labor markets, including workers' job search behaviors, employers' recruitment decisions, and the role of internet job platforms in online job matching.

*Labor Economics***Nan Zhou, Visiting Lecturer**

Nan Zhou's research interests are in decision theory and financial market microstructure with a particular focus on the study of incomplete preferences.

Micro Theory

Economics Faculty

Seattle Campus

Florin Bidian

Professor of the Practice in Economics and Coordinator of the Economics - Data Science Program

Dr. Florin Bidian is an economist with two decades of experience in academia and industry (tech and finance). Most recently, he was a Senior Economist for five years at Amazon. He taught at University of Minnesota, Macalester College and Georgia State University. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Minnesota as well as MS and BA in Applied Mathematics and Economics from Babes-Bolyai University.

Andy Ewing

Part-Time Lecturer

Andy Ewing is the VP of Data Science at iSpot.tv, a leading TV ad measurement company. Previously, he was an Assistant Professor of Economics at Eckerd College, where his main teaching and research interests were in labor economics and the economics of education.

Qjanwei Shen

Part-Time Lecturer

Qjanwei Shen is a causal economist and data scientist with expertise in time series forecasting and causal inference. He holds a PhD in Economics from Wayne State University. Dr. Shen brings extensive industry experience to the classroom, having worked as a data scientist at Netflix, TikTok, and Meta, and as a senior economist at Amazon.

University Policies, Resources, and Services

**International students should familiarize themselves with OGS, the Office of Global Services.*

<p><u>Academic Integrity Policy</u> As members of the academic community, students must become familiar with their rights and responsibilities.</p>	<p>https://osccr.sites.northeastern.edu/academic-integrity-policy/</p>
<p><u>Belonging at Northeastern</u> Belonging at Northeastern centers on embracing the experiences of individuals across the global university system to maximize impact at the institutional level.</p>	<p>https://belonging.northeastern.edu/</p>
<p><u>Center for Student Involvement</u> The mission of Northeastern University's Division of Student Life is to cultivate well-prepared global citizens, promote well-being and equip learners with the skills necessary to engage diverse communities.</p>	<p>https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/</p>
<p><u>Disability Access Services</u> The Disability Access Services provides students with appropriate services and can advocate as needed within the wider University community.</p>	<p>https://disabilityaccessservices.sites.northeastern.edu/</p>
<p><u>Mental Health Support Resources</u> In addition to mental health support resources available through Northeastern's University Health and Counseling Services, Northeastern has added <u>Find@Northeastern</u>, which is a 24/7 mental health consulting line and can be reached at 1-877-223-9477.</p>	<p>https://www.northeastern.edu/uahcs/find-at-northeastern/</p>
<p><u>Office of the Graduate Ombudsperson</u> Northeastern University's Ombuds for Graduate Students offers confidential, impartial, and informal assistance to graduate students who have concerns related to their university experience.</p>	<p>https://graduateombuds.northeastern.edu/</p>
<p>* <u>Office of Global Services (OGS)</u> OGS provides the professional expertise and support you need to maintain compliance through immigration, academic, and your employment experiences.</p>	<p>https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/</p>
<p><u>Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution</u> OSCCR engages the Northeastern University community in supporting, understanding, and appreciating the standards for community behavior by promoting accountability and encouraging responsible decision-making.</p>	<p>https://osccr.sites.northeastern.edu/</p>
<p><u>Resources for Current CSSH Graduate Students</u></p>	<p>https://cssh.northeastern.edu/resources/resources-for-current-graduate-students/</p>

<u>Resources for New CSSH Graduate Students</u>	https://cssh.northeastern.edu/resources/resources-for-new-graduate-students/
<u>Snell Library</u> offers a variety of resources for undergraduate research, including subject-specific <u>Research Guides</u> , and <u>Digital Media Commons</u> , which offers a variety of resources for multimedia projects.	https://library.northeastern.edu/
<u>Student Financial Services</u> Billings and Payments and Financial Aid information	https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/billing-payments/
<u>Title IX Protections and Resources</u> Title IX protects individuals from sex or gender-based discrimination, including discrimination based on gender-identity, in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding. Any NU community member who has experienced such discrimination, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, coercion, and/or sexual harassment, is encouraged to seek help. Confidential support and guidance can be found through <u>University Health and Counseling Services</u> , the <u>Northeastern Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service</u> , and the <u>Office of Prevention and Education at Northeastern (OPEN)</u> . Note that faculty members are considered “responsible employees” at Northeastern University, meaning they are required to report all allegations of sex or gender-based discrimination to the Title IX Coordinator.	https://www.northeastern.edu/ouec/
<u>The Office for University Equity and Compliance (OUEC)</u> , leads efforts to maintain the University’s compliance with all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to anti-discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Title IX.	https://www.northeastern.edu/ouec/about/
<u>University Health and Counseling Services</u> UHCS offers support, information, and response to Mental and Medical Health concerns.	https://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/
<u>University Policies</u> All university-wide policies, except for campus-specific policies, can be found on this university policy webpage. Compliance with university policies is a condition of employment and enrollment at the university.	https://policies.northeastern.edu/
<u>WeCare</u> WeCare offers support for students during times of difficulty or challenge. You can find WeCare at 226 Curry Student center Monday - Friday from 8:30-5:00, call at 617-373-7591, or email wecare@northeastern.edu	https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/wecare/
<u>Northeastern University Writing Center</u> offers free and friendly tutoring for any level of writer, including help with conceptualizing writing projects, the writing process, and using sources effectively.	To make an appointment, or learn more about the Writing Center, visit https://cssh.northeastern.edu/writingcenter/ or email WritingCenter@northeastern.edu .

Economics Graduate Student Organizations and Workshops

The student experience at Northeastern is more than the department's academic programs. It includes the opportunity to participate in a variety of student organizations in which students get to know their peers and faculty outside the classroom and often can develop lifetime friendships and networking opportunities. The organizations often involve the integration of what the students have learned in the classroom with the real world outside of Northeastern.

Master's Student Association (student- run)

The Economics Master's Student Association is a career and network development focused organization. Events and lunch meetings (such as information sessions, forums, and professor panels) will be scheduled periodically with a focus on developing career plans while in the program and upon graduation.

More information can be found at <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/economics/msa/>

Seattle Student organizations

Additionally, we encourage our Seattle students to visit <https://studentlifeseattle.sites.northeastern.edu> for information clubs, events, workshops, student life etc.

Ph.D. Economics Workshops

The key idea behind the Ph.D. Workshops is to help Ph.D. students as much as possible to move forward on their dissertation, to learn from each other, and from faculty, and to nurture their presentation skills. Ph.D. students in their 3rd year or higher are required to present once a semester. MS students are welcome to attend.

During the academic year, each workshop meets on **Wednesdays** from 12-1:15pm in 316 Lake Hall. The workshops are open to all economics graduate students and faculty.

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Master of Science in Economics

The Master of Science (M. S.) program is designed to serve the need for a graduate degree for professional economists, government officials, and economic consultants, and to lay the groundwork for students who wish to pursue the Ph.D. degree. Approximately thirty students enter the program each year. Students are required to complete at least thirty-two semester hours of academic work, of which sixteen semester hours constitute core courses. Part-time (<8 SH) as well as full-time enrollment is possible.

The M.S. degree is designed to provide a solid foundation in economic theory and quantitative methods (core courses), while providing an opportunity for students to apply the tools of economic analysis to various policy areas. The focus of the program is on application and practice. Development of presentation skills and ability to produce project-oriented writing assignments are essential to the program and are emphasized in the elective (application) courses. Core theory courses also incorporate application of theory and/or methods. The option to include co-op training (paid work for 6 months) into the program enhances the practice orientation of the degree.

The M.S. degree is **STEM** certified covering a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering, and mathematics— in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.

*IPEDS classification: Detail for CIP code
45.0603 Title: Econometrics and Quantitative
Economics*

Please note that “Econometrics and Quantitative Economics” is the IPEDS classification for the M.S. degree program, not the title of your degree program.

IPEDS is the acronym for Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. For more information, on IPEDS, please visit <https://provost.northeastern.edu/uds/news/what-is-ipeds/>.

M.S. Degree Requirements

The M.S. program requirements are 8 courses (32 semester hours of credit), including four core courses and four elective courses. Students typically complete the program in three or four semesters.

Current and prospective students should refer to the Graduate Catalog at <https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/> for a description of the Master of Science in Economics curriculum.

Course offerings with detailed descriptions can be found at: <https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/social-sciences-humanities/economics/#coursestext>

Course Scheduling

To view the class schedule for the current semester, visit <https://registrar.northeastern.edu/article/schedule-of-classes/>

CORE REQUIREMENTS		
*Advanced 6000-level core courses provide a rigorous foundation for those who have taken intermediate level core courses and/or wish to pursue a Ph.D. in future, and are open to all Master's students.		
Quantitative		SH
ECON 5105 or 6105 (Advanced)	Math and Statistics for Economics	4
ECON 5140 or 6140 (Advanced)	Applied Econometrics	4
Theory		
ECON 5110 or 6110 (Advanced)	Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON 5120 or 6120 (Advanced)	Macroeconomic Theory	4
ELECTIVES		
ECON 5200 to ECON 7772		16
*With prior approval from the graduate program director, the following courses may substitute for electives: Thesis (ECON 7990) or Internship In Economics (ECON 8550). Additionally, a student may select, with approval by the MS Graduate Director, a maximum of eight graduate semester hours offered by other departments.		

M.S. students interested in pursuing a Ph. D. degree: All M.S. students who may be interested in pursuing a doctoral degree in the future are strongly encouraged to follow the M.S. Advanced Core course plan. Those who plan to apply for admission to our Ph.D. program in Fall 2026 must complete the Fall 2025 M.S. Advanced Core course plan, as performance in those classes will play an important role in the Ph.D. Admissions Committee's deliberations, as well as the Spring 2025 M.S. Advanced Core course plan. Accepted students would be transitioned into the Ph.D. program in Fall 2026. Doctoral students who join or transition to the Ph.D. program without the M.S. will be awarded the M.S. degree when Ph.D. Candidacy is reached.

Concentration in Data Science for Economics

The *Optional Data Science Concentration in partnership with Khoury College of Computer Science* allows students to gain a foundation in economics and also hone their computational modeling and programming skills. The concentration may be taken in place of the elective section. **Seattle students are required to complete the concentration.**

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Required Courses

- OR 6205 *Deterministic Operations Research*
- or CS 5800 *Algorithms* (requires academic advisor's approval)
- DS 5110 *Introduction to Data Management and Processing*
- or CS 5200 *Database Management System*
- or IE 6700 *Data Management for Analytics*
- or DAMG 6210 *Data Management and Database Design*

Choose 4 semester hours from the following courses:

- ECON 5210 *Machine Learning in Economics*
- or DS 5220 *Supervised Machine Learning and Learning Theory*
- or CS 6140 *Machine Learning*
- ECON 5220 *Computational Finance and Financial Econometrics*
- DS 5230 *Unsupervised Machine Learning and Data Mining*
- or CS 6220 *Data Mining Techniques*
- IE 6600 *Computation and Visualization for Analytics*
- IE 7275 *Data Mining in Engineering*
- CS 7140 *Advanced Machine Learning*

Economics Electives

Complete 4 semester hours from the following range:

- ECON 5200 to ECON 7772

Electives Option

With prior approval from the graduate program director, the following courses may substitute for electives: Thesis ([ECON 7990](#)) or Internship In Economics ([ECON 8550](#)). Additionally, a student may select a maximum of 8 graduate semester hours offered by other departments.

Master's students are permitted to take two graduate courses outside of the economics department during their program. They also may, if they have satisfied the prerequisites and have gotten permission from the instructor, choose one or more courses designated for doctoral students.

Seattle Campus

Required Courses

- OR 6205 *Deterministic Operations Research*
- or CS 5800 *Algorithms*
- CS 5200 *Database Management System*
- or IE 6700 *Data Management for Analytics*
- or DAMG 6210 *Data Management and Database Design*

Choose 4 semester hours from the following courses:

- DS 5220 *Supervised Machine Learning and Learning Theory*
- or CS 6140 *Machine Learning*
- DS 5230 *Unsupervised Machine Learning and Data Mining*
- or CS 6220 *Data Mining Techniques*
- IE 6600 *Computation and Visualization for Analytics*
- IE 7275 *Data Mining in Engineering*
- CS 7140 *Advanced Machine Learning*
- CS 6966 Practicum

Economics Elective

Choose one: ECON 5200 *Financial Economics*

Course Sequences

There are different possible course sequences for students enrolled in the M.S. program. Students can choose their course sequence depending on their needs and course availability. To be considered a full-time student, however students must take at least eight (8) semester hours (two economics courses) per semester. Possible course sequences for the current academic year (2025-2026) are given below. One sequence applies to students who want to graduate in three semesters. The other sequence applies to students who prefer to graduate in four semesters.

For illustrative purposes, the following are sample course sequences, which may vary based on course availability.

SAMPLE THREE-SEMESTER PLAN

M.S.- REGULAR	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
	ECON 5105 ECON 5110 ECON 5120	ECON 5140 ELECTIVE ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE ELECTIVE
M.S.- ADVANCED CORE*	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026
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SAMPLE FOUR-SEMESTER PLAN

M.S.- REGULAR	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026	SPRING 2027
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M.S.- ADVANCED CORE*	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026	SPRING 2027
	ECON 6105 ECON 6110	ELECTIVE ECON 6140	ECON 6120 ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE ELECTIVE

SAMPLE THREE-SEMESTER PLAN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE CO-OP

M.S.- REGULAR	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026	SPRING 2027
	ECON 5105 ECON 5110 ECON 5120	ECON 5140 ELECTIVE ELECTIVE	CO-OP Jul-Dec ELECTIVE (OPTIONAL for FALL CO-OP)	ELECTIVE ELECTIVE (if needed) OR CO-OP Jan-Jun AND ELECTIVE

M.S.- ADVANCED CORE*	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026	SPRING 2027
	ECON 6105 ECON 6120 ECON 6110	ECON 6140 ELECTIVE ELECTIVE	CO-OP Jul-Dec ELECTIVE (OPTIONAL for FALL CO-OP)	ELECTIVE ELECTIVE (if needed) OR CO-OP Jan-Jun AND ELECTIVE

***Advanced applies only to the core classes, not electives. Students may choose to take any of the core classes at the advanced level, but those planning to pursue further study in economics are strongly advised to take the advanced core classes.**

Some courses are offered every semester/year; others are offered every other semester/year. Please visit the Registrar's website at <https://registrar.northeastern.edu/article/schedule-of-classes/> to determine what courses are available.

MS Co-op Option

Northeastern University's academic programs are widely known for incorporating experiential learning experiences with academic training. The Department of Economics offers a Graduate Cooperative Education option in its Master of Science in Economics program. This exciting program option allows qualified students to enhance their practice-oriented graduate education in Economics with actual work experience.

To be eligible for the co-op program, Master's students in Economics must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 or above at the beginning of your search semester, prior to Co-op
- Completion of 4 core courses in your program: Micro Theory, Macro Theory, Math & Statistics for Economists, Econometrics
- Completion of two full-time semesters prior to going out on co-op, with 16 credits completed before the Co-op work term begins
- Candidates must be available for full-time 6-month positions, during the July-Dec. co-op or Jan-June cycles.
- 1-2 required courses to take the semester after your Co-op ends

Quick Facts

- a) While on co-op, students maintain their status as a full-time student, which includes continued health insurance and access to NU facilities.
- b) Co-op extends time-to-degree by 6 months. You must have 1-2 required courses left, after you complete your Co-op
- c) CSSH Master's co-op requires that students commit to full-time employment for 6 months. The two co-op cycles run from January-June or July-December, though most students are eligible for the July cycle.
- d) Students prepare for co-op beginning early in the semester **before** they plan to go on co-op (in **September** for spring/summer 1 co-ops and in **January** for summer 2/fall co-ops).
- e) MS-ECON students may choose to take 1 additional graduate course while on co-op if the course does not interfere with their workday. *Permission is needed from their Co-op Coordinator and Co-op employer.* However, it is strongly recommended that students do NOT take any 4 credit courses while on Co-op.

Required Coursework

- Registration for the Co-op Work Experience course (ECON 6964; in later academic years this course will appear as INSH 6964) is managed directly by the Registrar's Office.
- It occurs a few weeks prior to the start of the term. This course triggers full-time academic status.
- Co-op work experience is graded on a pass/fail basis by the Co-op Coordinator for 0 credit hours.

Timeline and Checklist

- Meet *with your Graduate Program Director or Graduate Program Administrator* to determine how Co-op fits within your curriculum.
- Be in good academic standing at the time when you apply for a co-op position with a 3.00 GPA or higher. Students on academic probation or a leave of absence are not eligible to search
- Complete the CSSH Intent to Co-op by the assigned deadline
- Attend the mandatory in person meeting held during the first week of classes, during your search term
- Prepare to devote time to your job search the semester BEFORE you plan to go out.
 - Spring Co-ops: job search, September-December (candidates in this cycle have typically started graduate program in January)
 - Fall Co-ops: July – December: job search late January-June (candidates in this cycle have typically started program in September)
- Once assigned, schedule a meeting with your Co-op Coordinator to review your resume and interests using Navigate
- Begin searching job postings on NUworks, the Co-op database, once approved to search by your coordinator.
- Meet all deadlines set by your Co-op Coordinator.

Eligibility

1. Most MS-Econ students beginning in the Fall semester are typically eligible for the July-December Co-op cycle. Your job search will not begin until January.
2. If you started the program in January, and your second semester of coursework happens in the Fall, you may be eligible for the Jan-June cycle. Your job search starts in September.
3. CSSH Graduate Co-op requires a minimum 3.00 GPA to begin searching for Co-op.
4. International students can participate in co-op as curricular practical training (CPT for F1 students) or academic training (AT for J1 students), but may do so only after completing their first full academic year. **This means F1/J1 candidates are only eligible to work in their second year of the program. The process for applying for CPT and a Social Security number does not begin until after students have accepted a Co-op. This will be outlined on SharePoint and by your Co-op Coordinator.**
5. Students cannot go on co-op once they have completed all their required graduate courses. They must have a curricular requirement left to go on co-op.

Process

1. Students meet with the Graduate Program Director or Graduate Program Administrator to discuss their eligibility and to determine how co-op fits within the curriculum.
2. Students will be prompted to submit their Intent to Search document with a specific deadline
3. Students must attend the mandatory meeting as announced by CSSHCo-op@northeastern.edu

4. After the Intent deadline has passed, students will be assigned a Co-op Coordinator. They will then use the Navigate advisor calendar to schedule an appointment with their Coordinator to review their resume and goals for co-op.
5. After an initial meeting, students are released to begin searching and applying to job postings on NUworks.
6. Students apply to jobs based on qualifications and interest. Employers then select candidates to interview and hire based on the skills and qualifications necessary for the job. The process is competitive so students work with their Co-op Coordinator to determine how to best present themselves as a candidate and select jobs based on their previous experience and skills.
7. **Once a student accepts a position, they cannot renege on the offer and must commit to working the full 6-month co-op for the employer.**

Current and previous Co-ops held by MS-Econ students:

- Boston Planning & Development Agency, Research Co-op
- McKinsey & Co., US & Canada State & Local Research
- Ceres, Capital Markets Financial Regulations Co-op
- Costa Law Group, Tax Preparer -Client Liaison
- Harvard Law School, IT & Audio Visual Support Assistant
- Massachusetts School Building Authority, Capital Planning Assistant
- Scotiabank (New York), Compliance Co-op
- City of Boston, Evaluation and Research
- American Red Cross, Government Relations

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Graduate Ombuds Office

The Graduate Ombuds Office offers confidential, impartial, and informal assistance to graduate students who have concerns related to their university experience.

The office was established to provide a safe place for graduate students to speak off the record about their concerns and to identify options for resolving conflicts informally.

The Graduate Ombuds Office operates in accordance with the IOA's Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

Potential Topics for Discussion:

- Interpersonal conflicts or disputes
- Preparing for a challenging conversation
- Barriers to academic or research progression
- Institutional delays or unresponsiveness
- Grade or transcript disputes
- Bullying or harassment
- Disrespectful or inappropriate behavior
- Untangling a complicated situation
- Potential conflicts of interest
- Available campus resources

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