



Master of Arts in Environmental, Resource, and Development Economics (ERDE)

The ERDE Program: An overview

The Master of Arts in Environmental, Resource and Development Economics provides an opportunity for students to acquire competency in economic analysis, while also providing them with an opportunity to apply this knowledge to issues affecting low-income communities, resource use, and the environment. Contemporary social and environmental concerns have focused attention on the sustainability of economic growth strategies pursued by different countries. As a consequence, the demand for professional economists with strong analytical skills and practical knowledge in the area of sustainable development has been growing. The purpose of this program is to cater to this demand on the part of employers, whether in the public, private or nongovernmental sectors, and to meet the interest in such a program on the part of potential graduate students.

A Unique Degree

As in any Master of Arts degree in Economics, students in the ERDE program will learn modern micro and macroeconomics, and will obtain sound quantitative skills. Unlike those from standard programs however, ERDE graduates will have in-depth knowledge of the environmental and development concerns that affect both high and low-income countries. ERDE students will enhance their expertise by completing a research project in the areas of environmental, development or resource economics. Students can also opt for a more inter-disciplinary program of study, by taking related advanced courses in the fields of History, Politics, Aboriginal Governance, Women's Studies, Conflict Resolution or Geography.



ERDE graduates will be well-prepared for jobs in business or government, as policy analysts, resource economists or environmental economists. They will be uniquely positioned to act as researchers and practitioners in the growing non-governmental and not-for-profit sectors, both in Canada and around the world.

Course of Study

Students must complete a total of 24 credit hours to graduate from the program. They must take a minimum of 15 credit hours of course work in the Economics

department, and complete a research project. The remaining credit hours may be fulfilled through electives from the Economics department or from other departments across the university.



Courses must be taken over the Fall and Winter semesters. The research project may be completed in the Fall, Winter or Spring semesters. Upon entry

into the program, students will be assigned a faculty advisor who will guide them in choosing their course of study.

The following graduate Economics courses will be offered:

1. Microeconomics (3 credit hours)
2. Macroeconomics (3 credit hours)
3. Applied Econometrics (3 credit hours)
4. Development Economics (3 credit hours)
5. Environmental Economics (3 credit hours)
6. Resource Economics (3 credit hours)

Admission Criteria

You must hold, or reasonably expect to hold by September 2012, an Honours Bachelor's degree. The minimum acceptable CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) is 3.0 out of a possible 4.0, equivalent to "B" on a letter grade scale. The Department of Economics will assess degrees earned outside Canada to determine their equivalency.

An Honours B.A. in Economics is the normal prerequisite for admission to the M.A. program. However, if you have high standing in any other undergraduate discipline and also have adequate preparation in Economics, you may be eligible for admission. Applicants without sufficient background in Economics may be admitted to the Qualifying Year of the program.



An Active Research and Teaching Environment

Housed in the brand new Buhler Centre in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, Canada, the Department of Economics at The University of Winnipeg has established a tradition of teaching excellence. Students of the ERDE program will have the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with faculty who are actively engaged in research in the areas of Environmental, Resource and Development Economics, and in other fields across Economics.

The University of Winnipeg is a growing hub for dialogue on social and economic change. Consistent with this theme, the ERDE program will challenge students to develop solutions for persistent poverty, resource depletion, and environmental degradation.

Financial Support

There will be an effort to provide funding to every student admitted into the ERDE program. Financial support will be in the form of a scholarship, teaching assistantship or research assistantship. We will provide funding that is competitive with other Canadian Master's programs in Economics.

How to Apply

The deadline for applications is February 1st. The application fee for domestic students is \$80 and for international students is \$100. Application forms and further information on applying to the ERDE program may be found here:

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