

# UNM Economics – MA Degree Timeline

Prior approval of all coursework must be received before the start of each semester. For Plan I, course approval must be received from the graduate director before a thesis committee is established and by the student’s major advisor thereafter. For Plan II, the graduate director must approve all coursework throughout the program. However, a suggested timeline for completion of the MA degree is provided below.

## YEAR ONE

<b>Plan I</b>	<b>Plan II</b>
Fall Semester:	Fall Semester:
• ECON 501	• ECON 501
• ECON 508	• ECON 508
• Major field course	• Major field course
Spring Semester:	Spring Semester:
• ECON 506	• ECON 506
• Major field course	• Major field course
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• <i>Form thesis committee</i>	• <i>Prepare for August exam (Summer)</i>
• <i>Work on thesis (Spring and Summer)</i>	

## YEAR TWO

<b>Plan I</b>	<b>Plan II</b>
Fall Semester:	Fall Semester:
• ECON 599 (Thesis credits)	• <i>Sit for August exam (January for second attempt)</i>
• Elective course*	• Elective course*
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• <i>Continue working on thesis</i>	• Elective course*
Spring Semester:	Spring Semester:
• ECON 599 (Thesis credits)	• <i>Graduate</i>
• <i>Complete and defend thesis</i>	
• <i>Graduate</i>	
<i>Total Credit Hours = 30 (24 coursework + 6 thesis)</i>	<i>Total Credit Hours = 30 (all coursework)</i>

\*Elective courses can be any 300, 400, or 500-level economics course offered by the department that the student has not previously taken for credit towards the MA degree. No more than 6 hours of 300 or 400-level courses are allowed under either Plan I or II.

Note: elective courses can include additional major field courses that the student has not previously taken for credit towards the MA degree.