

Agribusiness and Applied Economics

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
March 1 for fall semester; October 1 for spring semester
- **Credential Offered:**
M.S.
- **Test Requirement:**
GRE or GMAT
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL ibt 79; IELTS 6.5; Duolingo 105

An accelerated Master of Science program is available for students currently enrolled in the undergraduate economics, agricultural economics, and agribusiness programs at North Dakota State University. Students will be required to complete 30 credits consisting of at least 16 graduate-level didactic credits (600/700 level), maintain a graduate GPA of 3.0, and complete a thesis or paper.

A maximum of 15 didactic graduate credits can be used to meet the requirement for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, and at least 9 of the 15 graduate credits must be 700-level AGECON/ECON courses. Course substitution must be approved by the Department Chairperson. Interested and eligible students must contact the Graduate Program Coordinator *before* applying.

Graduate stipend or assistantship will not be provided until B.S. degree is granted. However, students are eligible for hourly funding (i.e., time slip) if available at any time after being accepted into the accelerated MS program. Upon completion of the B.S. degree requirement, students are eligible for assistantships pending availability. Differential tuition applies. Graduate tuition rates will apply to graduate level courses while undergraduate tuition applies to undergraduate courses.

Eligibility and Admission

An Accelerated Degree Program Declaration Form (<https://powerforms.docusign.net/b40bdfd4-58b2-46bb-8fb3-3a890efd93de/?env=na3&acct=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7>) is required and should be submitted before applying to the program.

At the time of application, the student:

- Must have completed at least 60 credits towards their B.S. degree before conditional admission.
- Must have completed at least 30 credits at NDSU before conditional admission.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at NDSU to be eligible for conditional admission.
- Must have completed intermediate microeconomics (ECON 341) with a grade of B or higher, calculus (Math 144 or higher) with a grade of C or higher, and linear regression (STAT 331 or 461) with a grade of B or higher.

Rules for Accepted Students

All admissions are conditional. The minimum condition is completion of the B.S. degree prior to full standing in M.S. program.

- No undergraduate courses (100-400) may be counted toward a M.S. degree.
- Courses completed at the 600 level prior to being accepted to the program may be counted toward a M.S. degree.

- A maximum of 15 credits in the M.S. program can be used to meet the requirements for the B.S. degree; 9 of the 15 credits must be 700-level didactic AGECE/ECON courses.
- Students entering the M.S. degree program with a B.S. degree in hand may not use courses earned as part of the bachelors program for the M.S. requirements.
- The student must meet all of the requirements that would normally be expected of a student in the M.S. program.
- Graduate stipend or assistantship will not be provided until B.S. degree is granted. However, students are eligible for hourly funding (i.e., time slip) if available. Upon completion of the B.S. degree requirement, students are eligible for assistantships pending availability.

Degree Requirements for Accelerated Masters of Science Program

Student must meet all requirements of the Economics, Agribusiness, or Agricultural Economics B.S.; and Agribusiness and Applied Economics M.S. programs to be awarded these degrees. The Graduate School has the following minimum requirements:

- Minimum of 30 credits total.
- Minimum of 16 course credits in 601-689 and/or 700-789 level.

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