Admissions Requirements
A prospective student must
• have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
• submit official transcripts from all credit-granting institutions;
• submit evidence of satisfactory completion (a minimum grade of "C") of intermediate macroeconomics, intermediate microeconomics, calculus and statistics;
• submit official GRE scores; and
• submit TOEFL scores (international applicants only).

The GRE requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Program Director for applicants holding a graduate degree in a quantitative field.

The MS in Applied Economics (MSAE) is a 30-credit hour program with 100 percent of the coursework delivered online. It is designed to allow students to complete the degree in as few as five semesters by taking two courses per semester (including summer term). The program provides students with the skills and competencies necessary to perform theoretically meaningful empirical analysis of financial markets, industrial organization, government regulation, international trade, health care, economic development and consumer choice. Our students learn to evaluate business decisions and policy programs and explain progression of various events and their impacts on the economy in a business or policy context.

The economic theory courses provide a foundation in the structure and common patterns of business and policy decisions to put new events in the context of what is already known. The empirical economics courses teach the student to quantify relationships and to evaluate the relative importance of changes in the economic environment, thus gaining a better understanding of what has been fundamentally altered. The elective courses deliver knowledge in individual areas of economics while honing the student’s ability to transfer learning and problem-solving skills across content fields, allowing the student to recognize the characteristics of new problems, quickly adapt to new circumstances and attack these problems with skills developed from other areas.

Program of Study
Math for Applied Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Applied Econometrics I
Applied Econometrics II
Advanced Financial Economics
Financial Economics and Risk
Health Economics
Behavioral Economics

Select five of the following courses:
International Economics
History of Economic Thought
Regional Economic Development
Industrial Organization

Graduate Certificate in Applied Economics (GCAE)
Students may complete an 18-credit hour certificate to meet the SACSCOC faculty credentials requirement.

Program of Study
Math for Applied Economics
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
History of Economic Thought

Select two courses from the remaining courses offered in the MSAE.