Concordia University

Department of Economics

GRADUATE COURSE REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Effective for students who initially registered in September 2017 or later

Newly admitted students can register themselves for courses on the MyConcordia.ca portal and also must attend an information/orientation session held before the term begins. Returning students can register themselves without additional advising each term. All students should follow the rules and guidelines set out in this document. Questions regarding which courses to take and other academic matters should be addressed to the Graduate Program Director directly, in person or by email. All other questions regarding registration should be directed to Ms. Elise M. Melançon, Graduate Program Assistant.

Important notes:

- Students who have ESL qualifying courses to take will not be able to register for ECON classes until they register themselves for the required ESL qualifying courses. They will need to take the ConCEPT test prior to registration for ECON classes (contact the Education Department for information about the English as a Second Language Test).

- Returning students who have not paid their fees, have a failed academic standing due to low GPA or failing grades, or are missing admission documents, will not be permitted to register. They will need to contact the Department.

- International students with an expired CAQ/Study Permit will not be able to register and must contact the International Students Office.

- Every full-time student must register for and complete a minimum of three courses in each of the Fall and Winter terms, until all the course requirements for the program have been met.

In the following, the word "term" refers only to Fall and Winter terms. Nonetheless, a very limited number of courses are also offered in the Summer term, and one compulsory course (ECON 613) for the PhD program is offered only in the Summer term.
Course selection

1. **Graduate Diploma students are to follow this curriculum (10 courses, 30 credits total):**

   **First term:** ECON 501 (compulsory), ECON 503 (compulsory), and any other 500-level course (and ESL, if applicable)
   **Second term:** ECON 521, ECON 525, and any other 500-level course
   **Third and fourth terms:** any 500-level courses and at least two 600-level courses

   A maximum of 4 courses per term are allowed (but not recommended) for full-time students. We recommend taking 3 courses per term.

   **Note: registration blocks and special permissions**

   Graduate Diploma students must obtain a minimum CGPA of 2.70 (over a minimum of 12 credits) and no more than one C grade in order to avoid a registration block. Students may only register for 600-level courses upon approval from the Graduate Program Director.

2. **MA students are to follow this curriculum (8 courses, 45 credits total):**

   **First term:** ECON 612 (compulsory) and ECON 615 (compulsory) and one 600-level elective; also take ESL courses, if applicable
   **Second term:** ECON 680 (compulsory) and two 600-level electives
   **Third term:** two 600-level electives; may register for the MA Research Paper
   **Fourth term:** any remaining 600-level courses and/or MA Research Paper registration

   A maximum of 4 courses per term are allowed for full-time students. We recommend taking 3 courses per term.

   **Note: registration blocks and special permissions**

   MA students are not allowed to register for 500-level courses, except for ECON 525. Students are not allowed to register for the following courses either, unless they have achieved a minimum grade of B+ in the prerequisite classes: ECON 614 (prerequisite: ECON 612), ECON 613 (prerequisites: ECON 612 and ECON 614), ECON 616 (prerequisite: ECON 615), ECON 681
(prerequisite: ECON 680). MA students must obtain a minimum CGPA of 3.00 (over a minimum of 12 credits) and no more than one C grade in order to avoid a registration block.

Students may take at most two of MSCA 621, MSCA 623, MSCA 624, MSCA 625, MSCA 632: Corporate Governance, and MSCA 632: Financial Market, upon the approval of the Graduate Program Director, and only if ECON 642 was successfully completed in a previous term. Students may only register for these selected courses upon permission from JMSB, and registration is subject to the availability of seats in these courses after JMSB students have registered.

Field of Specialization:

As a program requirement, one field of specialization has to be completed. A field of specialization means two courses in the same field, not counting compulsory courses.

**Fields for MA students** (not a complete list, and subject to the approval of the Graduate Program Director):

EC: Econometrics: any two of 681, 682, 683
ET: Macroeconomics: any two of 616, 618, 695: Computational Economics, 695: Labour Market Dynamics
ET: Microeconomics: any two of 613, 614, 658, 673, 695: Experimental Economics
EDP: Economic Development: 623 and 624
PE: Environmental Economics: 658 and 695: Environmental Economics

3. **PhD students are to follow this curriculum (10 courses, 90 credits total):**

**First term:** ECON 612 (compulsory), ECON 615 (compulsory), ECON 680 (compulsory)
**Second term:** ECON 614 (prerequisite for ECON 613), ECON 616 (compulsory), ECON 681 (compulsory)
Pass the comprehensive exams in Macroeconomics (based on ECON 615 and ECON 616) and Econometrics (based on ECON 680 and ECON 681)

**Summer term:** ECON 613 (compulsory)

Pass the comprehensive exam in Microeconomics (based on ECON 612 and ECON 613)

**Third and fourth terms:** three 600-level electives

A maximum of 4 courses per term are allowed.

**Subsequent terms:** Thesis research and defence, including the Doctoral Thesis Proposal Seminar in the fifth term, and the Doctoral Paper and Research Seminar in the 7th term.

Students are expected to graduate in 5 years or less, and can take at most 6 years to graduate.

**Note: registration blocks and special permissions**

PhD students are not allowed to register for 500-level courses, except ECON 525. PhD students must obtain a minimum CGPA of 3.00 (over a minimum of 12 credits) in order to avoid a registration block. PhD students may receive at most one C grade, but the course has to be repeated (if compulsory) or replaced by a different course.

**Field of Specialization:**

As a program requirement, two fields of specialization have to be completed. A field of specialization means two courses in the same field, not counting ECON 612, 615 and 680.

**Fields for PhD students** (not a complete list, and subject to the approval of the Graduate Program Director):

EC: Econometrics: any two of 681, 682, 683

ET: Macroeconomics: any two of 616, 618, 695: Computational Economics, 695: Labour Market Dynamics

ET: Microeconomics: any two of 613, 614, 658, 673, 695: Experimental Economics

EDP: Economic Development: 623 and 624


PE: Environmental Economics: 658 and 695: Environmental Economics

For more information about registration, program structures, deadlines, fees, and professional courses please visit the websites listed below.

Registration Guidelines:
https://www.concordia.ca/students/registration.html#graduate

Graduate Calendar:
https://www.concordia.ca/academics/graduate/calendar.html

School of Graduate Studies:
http://www.concordia.ca/offices/sgs.html

Graduate Academic Dates:
http://www.concordia.ca/students/graduate/graduate-academic-dates.html

Tuition and Fees:
http://www.concordia.ca/admissions/tuition-fees/how-fees-are-billed/graduate.html

GradProSkills:
http://www.concordia.ca/students/gradproskills.html

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