Western Kentucky University
Department of Economics

Master of Arts in
Applied Economics
Mission

To provide students from a broad collection of arts and sciences majors a graduate degree that enhances their employment prospects, especially in “analysts” positions requiring strong analytical skills, technical knowledge, and communication abilities.
KEY PROGRAM FEATURES

• One year to graduation
• Emphasis on applied analytical, statistical/technical, and communication skills
• Wide range of post-graduation employment opportunities in a variety of "analyst" positions
Sampling of “Analyst” Employment Opportunities
(M.A. in Econ required or preferred)

- JP Morgan – Fraud Analyst
- Deloitte – Travel Analyst
- Abbott Labs – Market Research Analyst
- American Cancer Society – Policy Analyst
- Countrywide Loans – Pricing Analyst
- Center on Budget and Policy – Policy Analyst
- USF&G – Risk Analyst
- Fruit of the Loom – Market Analyst/Forecaster

- U.S. Census Bureau
- Internal Revenue Service
- Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Bureau of Economic Analysis
- SEC
- U.S. Treasury
- Health & Human Services
- U.S. Military
- HUD
- USDA
- State Departments & Cabinets
  - Statisticians; Policy Analysts; Auditors; Contracts; Purchasing (see usajobs.gov)
Admission Requirements

- 2.75 or higher undergrad GPA
- Minimum GRE score of 900
- Econ 202, 203, and 206
  - Pre-semester workshop(s) available if no Econ 302, 303, or 306
Curriculum

• Core Classes (12-15 hours)
  – Econ 502 (Applied Micro)
  – Econ 503 (Applied Macro)
  – Econ 506 (Applied Data Analysis)
  – Econ 465G* (Regression & Econometrics, waived if taken as undergraduate)
  – Econ 594 (Forecasting & Advanced Econometrics)

• Applied Project (Econ 596 – 6 hours)

• Electives: 9-12 hours