# **Program Overview for Entering MA Econ Students**

8 courses (3-hours each) and the Applied Project (596—6 hours) are required (you may do 9 courses and a 3 hour project with no committee); 4xxG courses are limited to 12 hours

## **Required Forms**

<u>Form B/C</u> (graduate program planner) – required during first semester:

Course Change Form (updates to Form B/C) – must file before apply for graduation;

Form D (admission to candidacy) – required after completion of 15 hours;

## Fall Courses (\* denotes required course)

ECON 502\* – Applied Microeconomic Theory

ECON 503\* – Applied Macroeconomic Theory

ECON 506\* - Applied Statistical Methods

ECON 465G\* – Regression and Econometrics

Commonly Offered Electives

ECON 420G – Public Finance

ECON 434G – Economics of Poverty and Discrimination

#### **Spring Courses**

ECON 594\* – Forecasting (Advanced Econometrics)

Commonly Offered Electives

ECON 595 – Labor and Human Resource Economics

ECON 400G - Issues in Capital Market Economics

ECON 445G - Economics of Health Care

ECON 491G - History of Economic Thought

#### **Summer or Second Year**

ECON 596 - Applied Economic Project

ECON 600 – Maintaining Matriculation (if you do not finish your project in the semester in which you enroll, you must enroll in this 1 hour course in semesters in which you continue to work on it or complete it)

#### **Special Elective Courses**

ECON 597 – Practicum in Economics (Jobs that contain economics-related experience; substantial workshops/seminars may be considered for credit on a case-by- case basis)

ECON 598 – Directed Readings (supervised independent study on area of your interest; these classes are reserved for students seeking PhD or who have already taken electives as WKU undergraduate)

## **Non-Econ Courses**

Up to 6 hours of 500-level courses in other disciplines (with econ dept approval) such as MBA, Political Science, Math, History, Psychology. Some limited space in MBA online courses may be available (requires instructor and/or MBA Director approval). Courses taken at other institutions (including online) are permissible.