

Assessment Plan M.A. in Economics

Old Assessment Goals	Old Assessment Tools	New Assessment Goals	New Assessment Tools
1) Understand how to identify and motivate interesting and policy-relevant topics for study	ECON 595 MA Thesis	1) Identify new topics for study from the pertinent scholarly literature, summarize the findings of previous studies, and emphasize the contribution of the new study.	ECON 595 capstone course
2) Understand how to use economic theory to generate testable hypotheses about economic relationships that have practical relevance to the business community and/or public policy	ECON 595 MA Thesis Comprehensive Examinations	2) Use economic theory to generate testable hypotheses about economic relationships, and use the state of the art econometric techniques to test these hypotheses.	ECON 595 capstone course
3) Summarize previous research findings from the scholarly literature	ECON 595 MA Thesis	3) Possess effective communication skills and the ability to present work to disseminate findings to business leaders, field experts and broader audience, and emphasize the relevance of the work to the business community and/or public policy.	ECON 595 capstone course
4) Understand how to use state of the art econometric methods to test hypotheses about economic relationships and to make business and/or public-policy recommendations	ECON 595 MA Thesis		
5) Possess effective communication skills and understand how to write reports and give presentations to disseminate research findings to business leaders, experts in the field, and to a broader audience	ECON 595 MA Thesis		

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