Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Master of Science in Economic Development

A master of science in economic development degree at Murray State University prepares students to work in the field of local and regional economic development. Students gain classroom and practical training in the methods of the promotion of economic health, and graduate from the program with the equivalent of two years of work experience.

The M.S. in economic development is a one-year, cohort-based degree. Students spend one academic year on campus (August-May). The degree program includes the completion of an internship and capstone project. Students will be trained in using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and other statistical and economic processes to inform economic development decisions.

Admission Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
Either a GPA of 2.75 and 450 GMAT (or 289 GRE) or a GPA of 3.00 and 400 GMAT (or 286 GRE)

Required Courses

ECO 610	Introduction to Economic Development
ECO 611	Economic Development Methods
ECO 655	Cost-Benefit Analysis
FIN 610	Economic Development Finance
ECO 615	Directed Study in Economic Development
ECO 618	Internship in Economic Development
ECO 617	Comprehensive Project in Economic Development

Elective Courses (9 hours approved by advisor) will be based on student interest and career path.

Electives may include:

ECO 650	Public Finance
GSC 607	Land Use Planning
ECO 690	Forecasting
MKT 684	Seminar in Integrated Business GIS

The Directed Study course provides the student an opportunity for further study in specialized areas of economic development. The topic areas correspond with electives required for IECD certification.

The M.S. program in economic development features a regular series of "practitioners' weekends" with economic development professionals on campus to lecture, host Q&As and network with students in the program.

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