Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business
Master of Science in Economic Development

The M.S. in Economic Development will prepare students to work in the field of local and regional economic development. Students will gain both classroom and practical training in the methods of economic development. Students who graduate from the program should have the equivalent of two years of work experience.

The Murray State Master of Science in Economic Development is a one-year, cohort based degree. Students will spend one academic year on campus (August-May) and complete an internship and capstone project. Students will be trained in using GIS and other statistical and economic methods to inform economic development decisions.

Admission Requirements:

Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited University
GPA of 2.75 and 450 GMAT (or 289 GRE) or GPA of 3.00 and 400 GMAT (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 the opportunity for further study in specialized areas of economic development. The topic areas correspond with elective areas required for IEDC certification.

The M.S. program in Economic Development features a regular series of “practitioners’ weekends” when economic development professionals will be on campus to lecture, host Q&As and network with students in the M.S. economic development program.

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