# Degree Program Assessment Plan

## Degree Program - AS - Economics (MA)

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## Student Learning Outcome: Micro Theory

Students under the non-thesis option will demonstrate a substantial understanding of microeconomic theory

**Outcome Status:** Active  
**Outcome Type:** Program  
**Start Date:** 08/01/2016

### Assessment Methods

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<td><strong>Criterion</strong></td>
<td>Average score of 5 or higher on the micro theory questions on the MA exam</td>
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<td>Direct assessment via post-test given in ECO 5312 that allows a quantitative evaluation of the student’s knowledge of microeconomic theory (Active)</td>
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<td><strong>Criterion</strong></td>
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## Student Learning Outcome: Macro Theory

Students under the non-thesis option will demonstrate a substantial understanding of macroeconomic theory

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Schedule: Once per academic year

Student Learning Outcome: Applied Economics

Students under the non-thesis option will demonstrate that they are able to apply economic theory to policy questions

Outcome Status: Active
Outcome Type: Program
Start Date: 08/01/2016

Assessment Methods

Master's Comprehensive Exam - Direct assessment via a set of questions that allow evaluation of the students’ ability to apply economic theory in the analysis of policy questions  (Active)
- Criterion: Average score of 6 or higher on the relevant questions of the MA exam
- Schedule: Twice per academic year

Post-Test - Direct assessment via post-test given in ECO field courses that allows a quantitative evaluation of the student’s knowledge of macroeconomic theory (Active)
- Criterion: Average score of 70% or higher in all MA level field courses
- Schedule: Twice per academic year

Student Learning Outcome: Thesis Research

Students under the thesis option will demonstrate the ability to carry out research in a particular area of economics

Outcome Status: Active
Outcome Type: Program
Start Date: 08/01/2016

Assessment Methods

Thesis - Direct assessment via thesis defense  (Active)
- Criterion: 100% of the students will successfully defend their thesis
- Schedule: ongoing

Thesis - Direct assessment via thesis proposal  (Active)
- Criterion: 80% of the students presenting a thesis proposal will receive a score of 6 or higher for their presentation
- Schedule: Ongoing