**About**

Graduates of the Master of Arts in Economics will have the knowledge and experience to qualify for a wide and rapidly expanding range of analyst positions in the private or public sectors. Graduates will be particularly well suited for positions requiring both modeling skills and substantial experience in the analysis and interpretation of firm-level, industry, or macroeconomic data. A unique feature of the program is a three-course core sequence in applied econometrics.

Graduates of the MA program in Economics with Health Economic specialization, in addition to holding highly competitive terminal credentials as analysts, will find their degree to be an outstanding bridge to doctoral work, should their career path lay in that direction, in program such as the PhD in Healthcare Policy and Research offered in the School of Medicine at VCU.

500 and 600 level courses are offered in the evening, either one evening per week from 7-9:40pm or twice a week from 5:30-6:45pm. All business courses are held in Snead Hall. The flexibility of our program allows student to enroll full-time or part-time per semester depending on their preference. Some Health Economics courses will be jointly offered by the Department of Healthcare Policy and Research in the School of Medicine at VCU and by the Department of Health Administration in the School of Allied Health Professions.

**Curriculum**

The Master of Arts in Economics with specialization in Health Economics requires 33 semester hours. Both a thesis and a non-thesis option are available.

18-21 credit hours will make up the Economics core, plus the student will choose a series of elective options from:

- HCPR 601 Introduction to Health Policy
- HCPR 703 Health Economics: Theory and Principles,
- HCPR 733 Statistical Methods in Analysis of Healthcare Research
- HADM 602 Health System Organization, Financing and Performance
- HADM 624/ECON 624 Health Economics
- ECON 616 Advanced Public Economics
- ECON 631 Labor Market Theory and Analysis