



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
MASTER OF ECONOMICS
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS | UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA

NO	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	Why SPE, UPM?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our programs are accredited by AACSB, EQUIS and MQA. ▪ Strong teaching and research links with industry. ▪ Ranked 158th best university in the world by QS ranking and 27th Best Asian University in Asia. ▪ Ranked the best young university in Malaysia and 10th in the world. ▪ Ranked 151-200th in QS University Subject Rankings 2024 in the field of Business and Management Studies & Accounting and Finance and 201-250th in Economics and Econometrics. ▪ More than 50 years' experience providing high-quality, internationally focused business education in Malaysia. ▪ Internationally renowned for postgraduate training with a range of Master's courses and exposure to state-of-the-art research. ▪ Strong international student community from all over the world.
2.	Why Master of Economics at SPE, UPM?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of Malaysia's top universities for Economics research. ▪ Our Master of Economics program is a globally recognised program with a strong quantitative focus. ▪ Our program is a combination of theoretical and applied knowledge of economics which are essential to those who are involved in decision making. ▪ The curriculum is designed to provide the basic tools of economic theory and quantitative analysis for problem solving and decision making.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The courses provide insights of current and global issues related to Economics and Business Economics. ▪ Our lecturers are active researchers who are experts in Economics and Econometrics ▪ Innovative teaching and learning that enables students to get involved in debates and discussions of real-life situations.
3.	What makes us different?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diversity: Students come from different countries around the world and from different backgrounds. ▪ Expertise: Our lecturers are experts in different specializations: for example: Financial Economics, Development Economics, Labor Economics, and Econometrics. ▪ Great emphasis on quantitative courses which are essential for students who plan to pursue their PhD and practitioners who are involved in decision/ policy making. ▪ Courses are designed for students to actively participate in the teaching and learning process.
4.	How long is the program?	12 months. Three trimesters (Full Time)
5.	What is the mode of the programme?	Full time and Face to Face.
6.	When is the program intake?	<p>The program has two (3) intakes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ July (1st trimester) ▪ November (2nd trimester) ▪ March (3rd trimester)



7.	What is the program structure?	<p>Our courses are divided into four categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core courses (6 courses; 18 credit hours) ▪ Elective Courses (5 courses; 15 credit hours) ▪ Master Dissertation (7 credit hours) <p>Total Credit Hours = 40</p>
8.	Who is this program for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Academicians, researchers and postgraduates' students who want to extend their quantitative knowledge in Economics and Econometrics. ▪ Practitioners and professionals in the public and private sectors who are interested to impart the theory and practical economic skills that will be useful in analysing applied and practical issues.
9.	What are the job and potential career prospects?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economist ▪ Analyst ▪ Consultant ▪ Lecturer/ Researcher ▪ Financial/Economics/Policy Advisor
10.	How much will this program cost you?	<p>The program fee for our Master of Economics Program is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RM16,600 for local students ▪ RM31,700 for international students <p>The method of payment can be accessed through: https://sgs.upm.edu.my/content/methods_of_payment-30092</p>
11.	What are the required academic qualifications?	<p>The candidate should possess a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent qualification in a relevant field with a minimum CGPA of 3.000; or ▪ Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent qualification with a CGPA between 2.750 - 2.999 should have a minimum of 1 year working experience in a relevant field; or ▪ Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent qualification with a CGPA between 2.500 - 2.749 and a minimum of 3 years working experience in a relevant field; or



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent qualification with a CGPA below 2.500 and a minimum of 5 years working experience in a relevant field.
12.	What are the English language requirements?	<p>No English language requirements for local candidates.</p> <p>International candidates whose first language is not English must obtain one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Band 6.0 for IELTS (Academic Version); or ▪ Score 65-78 for TOEFL (Internet-based); or ▪ Band 4 for MUET; or ▪ Score 59-62 for PTE Academic; or ▪ Score 109 for CIEP at ELS Language Centre, UPM <p>Note: The validity period of the English Language Proficiency score should not be more than five years.</p> <p>More information on the English language requirement can be accessed through: https://sgs.upm.edu.my/content/english_language_requirement-40581</p>
13.	Class Schedule	Weekdays, in the evenings from 6.30pm-9.30pm.
14.	What are the visa requirements for international students?	<p>Please visit the UPM International Office (i-PUTRA) at http://www.intl.upm.edu.my; and</p> <p>UPM School of Graduate Studies website page at: http://sgs.upm.edu.my/content/visa_and_pass-40593_to_learn_more_about_coming_to_Malaysia_as_a_student</p>



15.	How to apply?	<p>This program accepts applications on a rolling basis during the application cycle.</p> <p>Applications can be made online via: http://sgsportal.upm.edu.my:8080/sgsportal/</p> <p>The applications guideline is available at: https://sgs.upm.edu.my/upload/dokumen/20230214122603[UPD ATE 02] UPM PG APPLICATION GUIDELINES.pdf</p>
16.	When is the applications deadline?	<p>There is no closing date for applications.</p> <p>Applications can be made any time throughout the year.</p> <p>If successful, applicants will be offered an admission to the nearest trimester.</p>
17.	Program Inquiry	<p>Any inquiry pertaining to Master of Economics at SPE, UPM can be made to:</p> <p>mecon@upm.edu.my / +603-97697599 / 7722 / 7744 / 7645</p>