

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
BONA FIDE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
Complements FGS BFAR and supplemental regulations of Economics graduate programs

BONA FIDE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT 1

STATEMENT: Students must be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of analytical and quantitative methods in Economics at the appropriate level and standards of their respective graduate program (preMA, MA, or PhD in Economics) and stream.

RATIONALE: This is the basic level of graduate competency that most universities require of their graduate students in Economics. It serves as the knowledge base for functioning capably amongst their peers, whether in the academic or non-academic profession, or as students or researchers in a higher level program in Economics.

TAUGHT: Addressed in the core and required coursework outlined in the respective supplemental regulations of Economics graduate programs and streams.

ASSESSED: By demonstration of acceptable performance in (1) any of the following evaluation methods in the coursework of the required courses in the graduate programs: (i) written examinations; (ii) assignments; (iii) term or research papers; (iv) projects; (v) class participation, (2) the written thesis (for PhD students and those selecting the thesis option in MA) and (3) written qualifying examinations (for PhD students).

BONA FIDE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT 2

STATEMENT: Students must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of specialist areas of Economics.

RATIONALE: Graduate student needs to cultivate advanced scholarship in some areas of specialization in Economics to emerge as mature experts in their specialized fields upon graduation.

TAUGHT: Addressed by taking appropriate electives selected from the eligible courses offered by the department during their period of study in their respective graduate programs.

ASSESSED: By demonstration of acceptable performance in the written and/or oral or other forms of examinations and other requirements of the elective courses, and in the written thesis (for PhD students and those selecting the thesis option in MA).

BONA FIDE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT 3

STATEMENT: Students must demonstrate the ability to understand and analyse complex issues in Economics, and communicate ideas in written or oral form.

TAUGHT: Addressed by coursework, course assignments, or term or research papers, or thesis requirements.

ASSESSED: By the quality of the written thesis or term or research papers, the thesis proposal and the thesis defence (if required by the student's program), or written PhD qualifying exams.