

Economics (ECON)

Advancement to Candidacy for Ph.D.

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Complete Coursework & Program Requirements

- Complete all core and elective requirements with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
- Pass the Preliminary Exam
- Complete the Third Year Paper
- Form a Dissertation Committee and pass Dissertation Proposal Defense (Qualifying Exam)

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Submit Application for Qualifying Exam (AQE) to Graduate Division

- Submit the complete application form to Graduate Division, at least 30 days prior to the agreed upon qualifying examination date with your committee.
- Website: [Application for Qualifying Exam \(AQE\) Form](#)
- Email the form to: gradservices@ucmerced.edu
- CC: ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu

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Submit Qualifying Exam Report (QER) to Graduate Division

- Submit the completed form within 30 days after the exam date. Regardless of results, the QER MUST be submitted to Graduate Services.
- Website: [Qualifying Examination Report \(QER\)](#)
- Email the form to: gradservices@ucmerced.edu
- CC: ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu

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Complete the PhD Candidacy Webform Link

Graduate Division will notify the graduate student once the QER form is processed and to move forward with the [Ph.D. candidacy webform link](#).

ECON Ph.D. students will select the Master Along the Way (MAW) box field, if interested in doing the MAW.

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Review your MyDegreePath

- Visit MyDegreePath to review your degree audit. All course and program requirements should be satisfied, excluding dissertation defense.
- Connect with your SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator if your degree audit has not been cleared and satisfied.
- Email ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu

