

Economics: Master's Along the Way (MAW) Steps

These steps apply only to the Economics graduate program. Follow them if you: (1) plan to complete the M.A. Along the Way (MAW) before advancing to Ph.D. candidacy, or (2) are interested in obtaining the MAW after advancing to Ph.D. candidacy.

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Review with SSHA Graduate Services

Connect with [SSHA Graduate Coordinator](#) or contact SSHA Graduate Services (ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu) to review MAW course completion and program requirements.

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Complete MAW Candidacy Form

If you are advancing **ONLY** for the **Masters Along the Way**, complete [MAW Advancement to Candidacy webform](#).

- For Student Type: select "PhD"

If you are advancing for **BOTH PhD and Masters Along the Way**, complete the [Ph.D. Advancement to Candidacy webform](#).

- To include MAW: click the MAW field on the Ph.D. candidacy form

*This form must be processed and approved before you can move forward with your MAW graduation application.

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Submit Master's Degree Final Report Form

After receiving MAW candidacy confirmation from both Graduate Division and Office of the Registrar, move forward with submitting the [graduation application](#) for the MAW. This form must be completed by the Graduate Division deadline for the semester concurrent with the expected graduation term.

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Apply for MAW Graduation

Submit a completed and signed Final Report for Master's Degree form to the Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your Graduate Chair, Graduate Coordinator, and Graduate Advisor CC'ed by the deadline.

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Review and Complete Graduate Requirements

Submit the MAW requirements by the [Graduate Division deadlines](#):

Option 1 – Thesis:

- a signed thesis signature page to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your graduate chair, graduate advisor, and SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'ed.
- Submit your Thesis to ProQuest

Option 2 – Capstone Project: (Third Year Paper)

- Submit your signed ECON Third Year form to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your graduate chair, graduate advisor, and SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'ed.
- Submit your Third Year Paper to eScholars.

*Detailed resources for Thesis and Capstone Project submission guidelines can be found on Graduate Division's Dissertation/Thesis Submission.