IIDP Policy, Beginning Fall 2015

IIDP applicants are students from a program outside of LSA Economics interested in combining their original PhD program with an Economics PhD independent in situations where no formal dual degree program is already established (i.e. Public Policy, Social Work, Business Economics etc.). Students interested in an IIDP with Economics should prepare applications while enrolled in Economics courses along with their home department’s courses.

IIDP applications are reviewed by the Graduate Program Committee separate from the first-year-entry applicant pool.

Application Requirements:

1. Statement of Purpose explaining the motivation for applying to the IIDP program.
2. Letter from a tenure-track Professor in the Economics Department supporting your IIDP application. A list of current tenure-track Economics faculty members can be obtained from the Economics PhD Coordinator.
3. Fulfill the requirements of the Masters in Economics Degree.
   a. Complete first-year sequence in Microeconomics (601, 602, 603, 604).
   b. Complete first-year sequence in Macroeconomics (605, 607).
   c. Pass the preliminary examinations in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.
   d. Complete Economics 600, 671 and 672 with a grade of B or better. In some circumstances students may be able to pass an equivalency exam. Please check with the Economics PhD Coordinator before taking the exam.
   e. 4 credit hours of a cognate (courses in the student’s home department qualify)
   f. Complete two field courses in Economics.
4. Applicants to the IIDP must have a GPA in Economics courses of A- or better.
5. Applicants to the IIDP must pass the preliminary examinations in the Microeconomics and Macroeconomics with a result of “Pass” or “Pass with Distinction” in the fall after completing the course work. The pass must occur on the first attempt. A result in either exam of “Marginal Fail” or “Fail” will disqualify your IIDP application.
6. Official Rackham IIDP application with official signature and letter of support from home department.

Please submit this packet of application materials to Laura Flak (laurammi@umich.edu) after all items, including prelims, are completed. Applications will then go to the Graduate Program Committee (GPC) for review.
Formal IIDP Degree Requirements in Economics:

- Pass microeconomic preliminary examination
- Pass macroeconomic preliminary examination
- Econometrics: Econ 671 and 672 with a grade of B or better
- 3 credits of Advanced Methods. For the list of eligible courses, please consult the current PhD Program Rules or consult with the Director of Graduate Studies
- One two-course field sequence
- Pass field examination
- 3rd Year Paper
- Dissertation
  - Dissertation committee must contain at least one tenure track member of the Department of Economics. We encourage discussion of the composition of your committee with the Directors of Graduate Studies in Economics and your home department.