I. During **Registration** we will like to know who your sponsor is, if you have Ph.D. interest (plan now), your field of interest, and if you need to finish in one year.

II. **Grade Scale:** 4.0 Grades A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0 (+ and - = .3 pts.)

   1. "B" (3.0) average is required for the Master's Degree (+ and - grades will count. For example B+ will be 3.3, B will be 3.0, B- will be 2.7.

   2. 24 course hours plus thesis (355A and 355B) = 30 hours.

      Basic Requirement: 30 hours with B average (3.0 GPA)
      C+ Requires 3 B+'s to offset.

   3. 9 hours = full load
      Students must begin with 9 hours. (Possible exception for For students with a heavy schedule of English classes)

   4. STUDENTS MUST TAKE Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Statistics and Econometrics.

**OUR OFFICE NEEDS TO KNOW IF ANYONE NEEDS TO FINISH IN ONE YEAR!!**

III. **Core Curriculum:** Recommended Set of Courses

   Students may take courses outside the core (if relevant).

   301 Microeconomic Theory (Required)
   302 Macroeconomic Theory (Required)
   306 Statistical Analysis (Required)
   308 Econometrics (Required)
   353 Project Evaluation
   358A Macro Policy Issues in Developing Economies
   358B Micro Policy Issues in Developing Economies
   355A Seminar in Research on Economic Development
   355B Seminar in Research on Economic Development

**Electives outside GPED but within the Department of Economics:**

In general, only ECON courses with numbers higher than 250 receive graduate credit. Some examples of upper level ECON courses that can count as electives in the GPED program are:

   ECON 252: Antitrust Economics
   ECON 254: Public Finance
   ECON 259: Financial Instruments and Markets
   ECON 263: International Trade
ECON 264: Open Economy Macro Economics
ECON 268: Economics of Health
ECON 273: Game Theory with Economic Applications
ECON 274: Industrial Organization
ECON 279: Urban Economics
ECON 283: Economics of the Environment
ECON 285: Law and Economics
ECON 286: European Economics Integration
FNEC 240: Corporate Finance
FNEC 261: Investment Analysis
FNEC 275: Financial Management

ECON courses below 250 as electives: With the prior permission of the GPED Director and the relevant instructor, it might be possible to obtain graduate credit for a lower level ECON course. These courses are approved on a case-by-case basis and approval typically requires the student to complete extra assignments and/or take any special exams deemed necessary by the instructor to award graduate credit.

Ph.D-level ECON courses as electives: With the prior permission of the Director of Graduate Studies of the Economics Department and the relevant instructor, GPED students might also be able to enroll in Ph.D-level classes in economics.

Electives outside the Economics Department: Some of the courses offered by the Owen Graduate School of Management, the School of Engineering Management of Technology, the Peabody College of Education and Human Development, as well as other departments and programs in the College of Arts and Sciences such as East Asian Studies, History, Managerial Studies, Mathematics, and Political Science etc. could also count towards GPED electives. However, the following rules apply to such non-ECON electives:

(a) Students must first obtain permission to enroll in classes outside the Economics Department from the Director of the GPED program.

(b) Only those courses that are listed in the Vanderbilt Graduate Catalog can count towards GPED credit.

(c) Of 12 hours of elective courses, no more than 6 hours (two 3-hour courses, or three 2-hour courses) can be taken outside the Department (i.e. courses other than those listed as ECON or FNEC in university catalogues). This 6 hour limit includes any transfer credit awarded for graduate courses done at another institution.

**Audit:** Students can also audit courses in the event that they would like to take more courses than the required 30 hours. Students will need the professor’s approval and the extent of class participation will be determined by the professor. Audits will appear on your transcript and currently cost $10.00 per class.
IV. **M.A. Thesis**: The MA thesis must show original investigation or work (collect own data, Develop model, review literature, estimate model and interpret results). Many students think the Seminar is very hard; later they think it is the best thing they have ever done.

V. **DROP/ADD**: You may add or drop during the first week of classes. Drop/Add or withdrawal deadlines will vary from one semester to the other. Check with the department for dates. If you withdraw from a class, a "W" (for withdraw) will appear on your transcript. (This will not affect your GPA).

VI. **HONOR SYSTEM**: Refer to your booklet that has been given to students. Be sure to have a good understanding of plagiarism. We take this very seriously. Work must be referenced.

Cheating on exams will not be tolerated!!
Quoted material must be put in quotation marks. (It does not matter if their words sound better. Paraphrase!) If you paraphrase someone else's work, you must give the source.

On homework assignments, take home exams, papers, research and computer projects, ASK IF IT IS ALL RIGHT TO WORK TOGETHER.

VII. **FIELD TRIP**: Washington, D.C. Field Trip during Spring Break.
    - International Monetary Fund
    - World Bank
    - Federal Trade Commission
    - Bureau of Labor Statistics

VIII. **SOCIAL EVENTS**: There will be several events throughout the year sponsored by our office or the office of International Student and Scholar Services. We encourage you to attend.

    Annual Fall GPED Picnic

    October – Worley & Ferguson Awards Reception

    December – Holiday Party for Econ Department students and staff

    May - GPED Awards Dinner

    GPED Group Birthday Parties

    Social events sponsored by International Student and Scholar Services
IX. NEWSLETTER AND ADDRESS ROSTER: We keep in touch through our annual Newsletter and Address Roster to all GPED alumni. When you return to your countries, send us news of your family, your position changes, etc. and we will include this information in our Newsletter to let your friends stay in touch with you.

X. See Mouzon Siddiqi & Marie Kelley for help settling in.