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Application Deadline
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MASTER’S: A four-year bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, with a minimum GPA of B+; a full year standard course in introductory economics (microeconomics and macroeconomics) or equivalent. The MA/Juris Doctor degree also requires separate admission into the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa.

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