International Double-Degree Programs in the Economics Department

Program Overview and Purpose

- **Program Goals**
  - Expand students' international perspectives and global competitiveness through partnered double-degree arrangements with foreign universities, combining domestic and overseas study.
  - Offer opportunities to earn both home university and partner institution bachelor's or master's degrees within one to two years abroad.
  - Require successful admission through both the home department and the partner institution's review processes.
- **Eligibility and General Process**
  - Home students apply, pass departmental and partner admissions, then study overseas for specified duration to meet both degree requirements.
  - Students typically spend one to two years abroad depending on program type (e.g., 1+1, 2+2, 3+1).
  - Interested students should contact the department office for application guidance and deadlines.
- **Partner Institutions and Program Types**
  - Current partner schools include University of Queensland (Australia), Hiroshima University (Japan), University of Wisconsin–Madison (USA), and Singapore Management University (Singapore).
  - Program formats vary: 2+2, 1+1, 3+1+1, 3+1.5, 4+1, etc., covering bachelor's and master's dual-degree structures.
  - Specific admission criteria and scholarship opportunities differ by partner and program.

University of Queensland (Australia) — Economics

- **Program Types and Durations**
  - 2+2 dual bachelor program allowing two years at home and two years at UQ to obtain dual bachelor degrees.
  - 1+1 dual master program with one year at home and one year at UQ to obtain dual master degrees.
  - Standard study durations: bachelor four semesters, master two semesters at UQ for scholarship eligibility.
- **English and Academic Requirements**
  - English: IELTS overall ≥6.5 with no band <6.0, or TOEFL iBT ≥87 with Writing ≥21 and Listening/Speaking/Reading ≥19.
  - Academic: Cumulative GPA above 70% for bachelor applicants; similar standards apply for masters per program rules.
  - No additional standardized tests specified beyond English scores.
- **Scholarships and Financial Support**
  - Global Connect Scholarship: 25% tuition reduction for all dual-degree students during standard study period at UQ.
  - Scholarship applies to enrolled terms up to standard program length (bachelor/master as specified).
  - Students should confirm eligibility timing and scholarship application procedures with UQ and department.

Hiroshima University (Japan) — Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

- **Program Type and Scope**
  - Dual master's degree program offered in collaboration with the department.
  - Designed for graduate-level exchange to obtain both home and Hiroshima master's degrees.
  - Program duration and coursework follow Hiroshima University graduate regulations.
- **Admission Requirements**
  - No specific additional application requirements listed by the department for Hiroshima University participation.
  - Applicants still must pass both home department and Hiroshima University admission procedures.
  - Students should consult the department office for administrative steps and timeline.
- **Practical Notes and Examples**
  - Example: A student completes domestic master coursework, spends one year at Hiroshima taking required courses, then satisfies both degree requirements.
  - Language preparation may be advised though not mandated; check Hiroshima program language of instruction.
  - Verify credit transfer, thesis supervision, and graduation timelines before applying.

University of Wisconsin–Madison (USA) — Agricultural and Applied Economics

- **Program Structure and Progression**
  - 3+1+1 combined bachelor and master pathway: three years home, one year at UW–Madison undergraduate, plus one year master's study to complete dual degrees.
  - Designed to transition high-performing undergraduates into an accelerated master's phase.
  - Students must meet UW–Madison's progression rules to enter the master's year.
- **English and Academic Criteria**
  - English: IELTS ≥6.5, TOEFL iBT ≥80, TOEIC ≥685, Duolingo ≥105, or iTEP ≥3.8 accepted.
  - Academic: Cumulative GPA above 75% and compliance with UW–Madison admission standards.
  - No course grade below C (2.0) and cumulative average ≥3.0 (B) during the UW year for master's eligibility.
- **Conditions for Master's Admission**
  - Must obtain the home university's economics bachelor degree and meet UW grade thresholds during the exchange year.
  - No course retakes allowed if failing to meet the minimum grade requirement for progression.
  - Confirm thesis/project expectations and credit equivalencies with both institutions.

Singapore Management University (SMU) — Accounting and Economics

- **Program Formats and Durations**
  - Accounting: 3+1.5 or 4+1 structures combining bachelor and master pathways, varying by entry year and credit recognition.
  - Economics: 3+1 or 4+1 structures for dual bachelor and master degree completion.
  - Program lengths depend on credits completed at home and SMU program requirements.
- **English, GPA, and Additional Requirements**
  - English: IELTS ≥6.5 or TOEFL iBT ≥90 required for both Accounting and Economics pathways.
  - GPA: Cumulative GPA above 3.0 on a 4.0 scale required for eligibility.
  - Additional: GMAT ≥600 or SMU entry test score >55 may be required for certain tracks (especially Accounting).
- **Application and Selection Notes**
  - Example: A student with GPA 3.2 and IELTS 7.0 may qualify for 3+1 SMU economics pathway pending SMU entrance exam/GMAT alternatives.
  - Applicants should prepare GMAT or SMU test when applicable and verify which program variant (3+1, 4+1) suits their completed credits.
  - Coordinate credit transfer, internship options, and financial planning with the department and SMU admissions.