

Master of Arts in Economics Program Handbook

Welcome

The Master of Arts in Economics is a quantitative graduate program in economics with a special emphasis on statistical data analysis, designed to provide students with the modeling and data analysis capability coupled with advanced quantitative skills/neteu \ IRU VXFFHVV LQ WRGD\·V FRPSHW market. The program can be completed as quickly as within one calendar year.

Given versatility of its curriculum, the program prepares students for diverse professional careers in industries such as commerce, finance, consulting, policy analysis, risk management, market research and revenue management, and data science, where the ability to make data-driven decisions is in high demand. We have had great success in placing our graduates in well-compensated analyst positions both locally in a greater Las Vegas a and nationally. The program also provides excellent training for students planning to pursue a Ph.D. in economics, finance, or other business disciplines and wishing to tool up or remedy deficiencies in their preparation. Both full and part-time students are welcome.

The program is a certified STEM degree (CIP code: 45.0603) that is on the US Department of Homeland Security STEM Designated Program List. Under the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, international students who graduate from colleges and universities in the United States are able to remain in the country and receive training through work experience for up to 12 months. Students who graduate from a designated STEM degree program on this list are eligible for an additional 24-months extension.

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Please contact the Graduate Coordinator in Economics if you want to join the growing list of highly $V X F F H V V I X O 0 D V W H U \cdot V J U D G X D W H V$

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Department Graduate Faculty

A current listing of the graduate faculty can be found in the UNLV Graduate Catalog. Faculty must hold graduate faculty status to be involved in graduate education at UNLV. For up to date information regarding graduate faculty status in your department, **@sabble text** Faculty status web page

Program Information

Master of Arts in Economics

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Program Requirements

Program requirements regarding admission, coursework and culminating experience are found in the graduate catalog

This Handbook is effective Fall 2024. It also applies to continuing students who started the program prior to Fall 2024 should they opt to graduate following the revised program requirements as reflected in the 20242025 Graduate Catalog.

Degree Program Benchmarks

Besides the graduate coursework with a minimum required number of credits depending on a VXESODQ WKH 0DVWHU·V LQ (FRQRPLFV UHTXLUHV VDWLVIDFWRU\ FF capstone for the degree is a required course that can entail the completion of either a project, paper, or internship. The capstone experience may be

the completion of an instructor-supervised applied (group) project in ECO 795, culminating in a summary paper and presentation;

or, subject to the approval by the Graduate Coordinator, one of the following:

with consent of a willing faculty supervisor, the completion of a project under the supervision of a faculty by enrolling in ECO 794, culminating in a professional research paper;

the completion of an approved internship with the submission of mid-project and final project reports by enrolling in ECO 784.

The ECO 795 capstone experience is a default option for students and is offered once a year during the first summer term.

A professional research paper capstone (ECO 794) is reserved for exceptional students who wish and have demonstrated the ability to do independent academic research of high quality, potentially seeking to pursue a doctoral degree afterwards. This option requires a faculty member willing to supervise the student.

To have a professional internship approved as a qualifying culminating experience, a student must provide a detailed description of the internship position (including concrete duties and deliverables)

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Program Timeline

Summer Term I-II of Year B (May/June)	ECO 795
Fall Semester	Elective
of Year B	Elective

Note: If starting the program in the fall, unless approved to substitute ECO 740 with an equivalent, a student must also apply to become a non-degree-seeking student in the summer to enroll in ECO 740 and then transfer these credits. To maintain a full-time status in the fall of year B, students may need to enroll in a third course.

A SAMPLE <u>1.5-CALENDAR-YEAR</u> PLAN OF STUDY FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS ENTERING THE PROGRAM IN THE SPRING

Spring Semester	Elective
of Year A	Elective
Summer Term III	ECO 740
of Year A (July/August)	
Fall Semester	ECO 701
of Year A	ECO 702
	ECO 770
Spring Semester	ECO 772
of Year B	ECO 773
	ECO 793
Summer Term I-II	FCO 770

EO 773

Pre-approve their choice of elective courses counting towards the degree by Graduate Coordinators;

Not enroll in courses outside the degree program unless pre-approved by Graduate Coordinators, to ensure timely progression towards the degree;

Maintain continuous enrollment (see the Graduate Student Handbook for details);

Check their UNLV email daily for important correspondence from the Department, Graduate College and the University;

Consult with Graduate Coordinators within a reasonable amount of time when requested; Pass the capstone experience in an appropriate time frame;

Fulfill conditions and/or provisions of their admission within the specified timeframe AND provide evidence thereof to Graduate Coordinators, if conditionally and/or provisionally admitted;

Complete the degree within no more than 4 years.

Professional Code of Ethics/Discipline Guidelines
UNLV Graduate College policy regarding academic integrity can be founded that catalog

Annual Mandatory Individual Development Plan (IDP)

Health Insurance - Mandatory