Master of Arts in Economics

The graduate studies program in Economics at UT Arlington meets two critical career goals.

**Business and Policy Analysis** - The Master of Arts in Economics provides the skills and knowledge required by a broad spectrum of private and government employers. Our location in the College of Business allows students to choose from a wide variety of business electives to meet specific career objectives. Our emphasis on solid theory grounded in the development of rigorous quantitative skills prepares graduates for many analytical career paths.

**Doctoral Studies Preparation** - The program also provides a strong foundation for those who wish to pursue a doctoral degree in Economics. Students augment their theoretical and quantitative training with practice. This is usually in the form of a thesis written under the direction of a faculty advisor on a problem of interest to the profession. Thesis writers are prepared as Research Assistants on the first day of their doctoral studies.

**THE MASTERS PROGRAM**

Our program consists of a total of 36 hours of instruction. Core courses include Mathematics for Economists, Microeconomic Theory, Macroeconomic Theory, Econometrics, and Research Methods. Elective courses include:

- Industrial Organization
- Sports Economics
- Public Finance
- Research Methods
- Labor/Human Resources
- International Trade
- International Finance
- Time Series Methods

Students accepted into the thesis option receive individual instruction from a faculty advisor equivalent to two semester courses.

**ADMISSION**

Unconditional admission to the MA program typically requires undergraduate studies in business or economics. Those who lack this experience may be asked to complete up to 12 hours of foundation courses before starting the MA program.

Students for whom English is not a native language must achieve a TOEFL score of at least 550. Conditional admittance is possible upon passing an English proficiency exam or completing UT Arlington’s Graduate English Skills Program prior to beginning graduate course work.

Students are strongly encouraged to begin the program during the fall semester although spring and summer entry is possible. Graduate courses meet in the evening, either once or twice a week, providing flexibility for those who are employed full time.

**FINANCIAL AID**

A limited number of assistantships is available for qualified full-time students. In addition, the department offers scholarships to outstanding students, awarded on a competitive basis. Financial assistance may qualify out-of-state students for a reduction in tuition to in-state levels. The decision to offer financial aid is predicated upon unconditional admission to the Masters in Arts in Economics program and evidence of progress towards graduation.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

It is important that applicants comply with deadlines. Submitting an application after the deadline for a given semester will delay the admission decision.

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Internationally Recognized Research Faculty


Shushanik Papanyan (University of Houston, 2005), Fields: International Macroeconomics, Time Series Econometrics.


Christy Spivey (The University of Texas at Austin, 2006), Fields: Labor Economics, Econometrics, Public Economics, Game Theory.


The University & Community

UT Arlington is one of the 151 Carnegie Foundation designated Doctoral Extensive Institutions in the US. Over 25,000 students from 150 nations study in one of 81 baccalaureate, 73 masters, or 35 doctoral degree programs. The modern 400-acre campus in Arlington, Texas is located 12 miles east of Fort Worth and 25 miles west of Dallas. The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex is home to about five million people with 340,000 living in Arlington. Arlington is home to the Texas Rangers professional baseball team and the Six Flags Over Texas theme park. The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex has cultural attractions such as museums, theaters, operas, symphonies, amusement parks, and is the home of several professional sports franchises.

Our Graduates

The Masters of Arts in Economics is a valued degree in both the private sector and government. Graduates from the UT Arlington Economics Masters program have been employed at BNSF Railway, TXU Electric, Kinko’s, Nokia, Exxon, American Airlines, the Texas Public Utility Commission, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the FTC, the GAO, the EPA, the Department of Commerce, and the United Nations.

Several graduates have gone on to advanced study in Economics at the country’s best Ph.D. programs including Penn State University, Southern Methodist University, University of Colorado, Washington State University, and The University of Kentucky.

Further Information

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