ECONOMICS
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Educating tomorrow’s leaders and decision makers.
Why earn a Master’s Degree in Economics at UTSA?

Value of an Economics Degree

- Demand for economists is on the rise and the profession has a higher growth rate than all other occupations. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Economics is ranked the 10th best master’s degree for jobs. (Source: Forbes)
- Job candidates with a master’s degree in economics earned an average annual wage of $91,860 in 2012. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Program Relevance

The Master of Arts degree in Economics at UTSA incorporates a traditional social sciences-oriented master’s program with modern quantitative methods and applied analytical tools. The primary focus of the program is on the practical application of economic theory and offers two new concentrations — Financial Economics and Business Data Analysis & Forecasting.

Program Flexibility

There are three concentrations to choose. The General Economics concentration allows students to take 21 credits of electives from a large inventory of courses. Students in the Financial Economics and Business Data Analysis & Forecasting concentrations can choose six credits of electives.

Small Class Experience

Graduate classes at UTSA are normally limited to 20-25 students per class. Students will experience a diverse classroom atmosphere with meaningful peer discussions, as well as personal attention from faculty.
Location

UTSA is located in San Antonio, TX, the 7th largest city in the United States with a diverse and growing business community. Several large corporations call San Antonio home including financial services and insurance, health care services, oil and petroleum products, and communications businesses. With 16 major corporations headquartered in San Antonio, UTSA students have a variety of opportunities for internships and job placement upon graduation.

Cost

The estimated cost of attendance for in-state, full-time UTSA graduate students is $20,000-$22,000 a year depending upon housing arrangements. The estimate for non-Texas residents is $32,000-$34,000. In addition to competitive tuition rates, qualified graduate students can offset costs through assistantship positions by working as research or teaching assistants in the department.

AACSB Accredited

The UTSA College of Business is accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. This represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools, placing the college in the top 5 percent of business schools worldwide.
Variety of courses taught by award-winning faculty

Program Curriculum
UTSA’s master’s degree in economics is a 33-credit-hour (11 courses) program that offers three distinct concentrations.

Core/Common Courses
• Microeconomic Theory
• Macroeconomic Issues
• Econometrics & Business Forecasting
• Mathematical Economics

General Economics
This concentration prepares students for Ph.D. programs in economics.

Financial Economics
This concentration is designed for students who would like to pursue careers in the finance industry. The concentration courses are
• Financial Economics
• Financial Management
• Modeling of Financial Decision Making
• Banking and the Financial Services Industry
• Special Topics in Econometrics/Forecasting

Business Data Analysis & Forecasting
This concentration is designed to position students for private sector employment in a variety of fields focusing on data analysis. The concentration courses are
• Applied Econometrics
• Marketing Research Design & Application
• Advanced Programming & Data Management in SAS
• Advanced Statistical Learning/Data Mining
• Special Topics in Econometrics/Forecasting
Faculty Members

The Department of Economics has 14 full-time faculty members who earned their doctorates from a number of outstanding universities including, the California Institute of Technology, Boston College, Indiana University, Purdue University, University of Illinois and University of Texas at Austin. The faculty members are committed to excellence in teaching and research. Our faculty research interests include (but are not limited to):

- Applied Econometrics
- Microeconomic Theory
- International Economics
- Macroeconomic Policy
- Financial Economics
- Game Theory
- Monetary Economics
- Industrial Organization

Meet Our Program Director

Dr. Donald Lien

Dr. Lien is a world-renowned researcher who has published more than 250 papers in academic journals in the fields of economics, finance and statistics. He earned his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology, and Dr. Lien is currently the Richard S. Liu Distinguished Chair in Business at UTSA.

Dr. Lien’s primary field of interest is in the futures market with supporting areas in econometrics and development economics. He has served as a reviewer for more than 50 academic journals and has twice received the President’s Distinguished Achievement Award in Research from UTSA. His teaching honors include the Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence and the Excellence in Teaching Award from the University of Kansas.
A step in the right direction - apply today!

**Admission Materials**
- a résumé or curriculum vitae
- a completed application form
- official transcripts from all universities attended
- official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores
- International students must also submit a score of at least 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- letters of reference
- a statement of purpose

**Application Deadlines**
Admissions is ongoing. Degree-seeking students normally are not admitted for the spring semester due to course-sequence requirements in the program.

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About the College of Business
Nationally ranked and internationally recognized, UTSA’s College of Business is one of the 30 largest business schools in the United States with more than 5,000 students. The College of Business offers a comprehensive curriculum at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels.

About UTSA
UTSA is an emerging Tier One research institution. With nearly 29,000 students, UTSA advances knowledge through research and discovery, teaching and learning, community engagement and public service. The university embraces multicultural traditions and serves as a center for intellectual and creative resources as a center for intellectual socioeconomic development and the commercialization of intellectual property – for Texas, the nation and the world.

“The faculty’s willingness to work with students is unparalleled. The individual attention I received was instrumental in shaping my future career path.”

Nathaniel Hearn
MA Class of 2014
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