

MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS AT UNLV



Prepare for the Future and Build Career Skills

UNLV's Economics Department offers a Master of Arts in Economics. Students who obtain the degree will develop a solid understanding of economic theory and applied methods which will allow them to work with data and interpret clearly the results of applied economic methods. The program produces students with a set of skills that both businesses and government value. Graduates with a MA in Economics from UNLV are highly sought by various employers including business analysis groups, marketing research firms, corporate research and financial departments, consulting firms and government agencies. The MA program also provides excellent preparation for PhD programs in economics or finance. The department welcomes both full- and part-time students.

Program Overview

The MA program in Economics at UNLV provides a solid foundation in economic theory and modern empirical methods. It readies students for analyst positions in business and government or for PhD programs in economics or finance. The program is designed to be completed in three semesters.

Credits Needed to Complete Program:

30 (Ten Courses)

Core Credits: 21 (Seven Courses)

Elective Credits: 9 (Three Courses)

Electives can be selected to fit student interests including coursework in Economics, Mathematics, Finance, Management Information Systems, Real Estate, Environmental Studies, Hospitality, Regional Studies and Public Policy.

Culminating Experience: A capstone research paper is the required culminating experience for the MA in Economics. The research paper is started in ECO 793 (Research Methods) and completed in ECO 794 (Professional Paper). The research paper builds on the knowledge developed in the other course work.

For a degree to be granted, an overall GPA of at least 3.0 is required with no grades below a B.

Program and University Highlights

- Courses are taught by a research-active faculty with applied experience who bring the most current subject knowledge to the classroom.
- An applied program designed to prepare students for analyst positions in business and government or for PhD programs in economics or finance.
- An outstanding placement record in analyst positions and PhD programs.
- Students can select electives to fit their interests.
- A STEM-designated program that allows international students to work in the United States for 36 months after graduation without a work visa.
- UNLV is among the top 3 percent of U.S. universities that have received the "very high research activity" designation by the Carnegie Foundation.
- The Lee Business School, home to the Economics Department, is among the top 1 percent of business schools worldwide that hold dual AACSB accreditation in business and accounting.



Career Opportunities

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Course Work

Core Courses (21 Credits)

ECO 701 – Macroeconomic Theory
ECO 702 – Microeconomic Theory
ECO 740 – Mathematical Economics
ECO 770 – Econometrics I
ECO 772 – Econometrics II
ECO 793 – Research Methods
ECO 794 – Professional Paper

ECO 709 – Regional Economic Analysis
ECO 720 – Health Economics and Policy
ECO 765 – Labor Economics
ECO 773 – Business and Economic Forecasting
ECO 780 – Economic Theory and Policy
ECO 784 – Internship
ECO 790 – Independent Study

Elective Courses (9 Credits)

ECO 602 – Topics in Microeconomics
ECO 625 – Economic Growth
ECO 651 – Public Finance
ECO 655 – Industrial Organization
ECO 670 – Urban and Regional Economics
ECO 707 – Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

Working with the Economics Department Graduate Coordinator, students can develop a plan to take up to two electives in related subjects, such as Mathematics, Finance, Management Information Systems, Real Estate, Environmental Studies, Hospitality, Regional Studies and Public Policy.

The number of economics electives offered each year depends on program enrollment and faculty availability.

Applicant Requirements

Admission to the MA program in Economics is competitive. To be eligible for admission with graduate standing, applicants must:

1. Meet the general requirements for admission to graduate instruction at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, as described by the Graduate College <<https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/futurestudents>>. Among other conditions, the Graduate College requires a bachelor's degree with an overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale over the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework.
2. Preference is given to applicants who score at or above the 50th percentile on the quantitative portion of the Official GRE; and at or above the 50th percentile on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Official GRE; and present a 3.0 or higher grade point average (computed on a 4.00 scale). An Official GMAT score may be substituted for the Official GRE score. These requirements may be adjusted to reflect any changes in the formats and scoring rubrics of either the GRE or GMAT.
3. Complete the prerequisites for the program which include 1) At least one semester of calculus or mathematical economics (MATH 181, ECON 440 or ECO 640); 2) Second semester statistical analysis or econometrics (ECON 262, ECON 441 or ECO 641); 3) Intermediate microeconomic theory (ECON 302 or ECO 502); and 4) Intermediate macroeconomic theory (ECON 303 or ECO 503).
4. International applicants from countries where English is not the native language, or who did not receive a degree from an institution where English is the language of instruction, must show competency in English. The Graduate College requires a score of 550 on the written, or 213 on the computerized version of the Test of English Language (TOEFL) or 85 on the Michigan Test. Credentials not written in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation, as described by the Graduate College.
5. International applicants must submit a completed Certificate of Finance to the Office of International Students & Scholars. In addition, international applicants must satisfy the financial eligibility requirements before an I-20 will be issued.

Students interested in the MA in Economics with insufficient undergraduate preparation may be admitted conditionally. Admission in full standing requires getting a B (not a B-) or better in each of the prerequisite courses that were not completed as an undergraduate. The student is expected to complete these courses at the graduate level with a B (not a B-) or better within a year of conditional admission, and these courses should be completed before taking any courses that count toward the degree.

Given the required prerequisite courses and the analytical and quantitative nature of the program, students with undergraduate degrees in economics are encouraged to apply. Students with degrees in engineering, mathematics and physics are also suitable applicants with completion of the prerequisite courses.

and government agencies. The UNLV Economics Department has long-standing relationships with many analysis groups in the Las Vegas area and beyond. The MA program also provides excellent preparation for PhD programs in economics or finance.

Application Deadlines & Procedures

To apply for admission, visit
<https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/futurestudents>

Some Required Elements of the Application:

- Transcripts
- GRE or GMAT score
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Letter of intent

Application Fee:

\$60 for domestic applicants
\$95 for international applicants

Application Deadlines:

U.S. Students for Fall Semester: June 15
International Students for Fall Semester: May 1
U.S. Students for Spring Semester: November 15
International Students for Spring Semester: October 1

Tuition, Fees and Other Costs

Tuition

- Nevada Residents: \$9,097.50 (for 30 credits at 2019-20 rates)
- Out-of-State Residents: \$31,674.00 (for 30 credits over three semesters at 2019-20 rates)

Estimated Additional Fees and Expenses

- Other UNLV Fees: \$350-500 per semester
- Health Insurance (full-time graduate students): \$2,525 per year
- Rent, Utilities, Food: \$12,000 per year
- Travel and Miscellaneous Personal Expenses: \$3,000 per year

Financial Support

Graduate Assistantships

The Economics Department offers merit-based Graduate Assistantships on a competitive basis. In return for part-time work in the Economics Department, a Graduate Assistantship covers tuition and pays a \$11,250 stipend for a 9-month academic year. Apply for a Graduate Assistantship when applying for admission. For full consideration, apply by March 1 prior to Fall Semester.

Faculty Assistantships

The Economics Department offers merit-based Faculty Assistantships on a competitive basis. In return for part-time work in the Economics Department, a Faculty Assistantship partially covers tuition and pays a \$11,250 stipend for a 9-month academic year. Contact the Economics Department Graduate Coordinator or the Department Chair about this source of funding.

Graduate College Scholarships and Fellowships

Application Deadline is December 1 in the year prior to fall semester.

www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/scholarships

Need-Based Scholarships

Application Deadline is March 1 prior to the fall semester
For more information and to apply, see www.unlv.edu/finaid



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Economics Programs at UNLV**
<https://www.unlv.edu/economics/programs>

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About the Economics Department

The Economics Department is one of five departments in the Lee Business School at UNLV. It offers two bachelor's degrees in economics (BA and BSBA), a minor in economics, an MA degree in economics, an MS degree in Applied Economics and Data Intelligence, and a dual degree of an MA in Economics and an MS in Mathematics. The department has 17 full-time faculty members, a number of part-time instructors, and one full-time administrative assistant. The Economics Department has approximately 150 undergraduate students and 30 graduate students pursuing degrees in economics.

About the Lee Business School

Established in 1967 as the College of Business, the Lee Business School is one of the largest schools at UNLV with approximately 3,500 undergraduate students, 500 graduate students and 100 faculty and staff. The school offers 10 undergraduate majors, 14 minors and seven graduate degrees (MA in Economics, MS in Applied Economics and Information Systems, MS in Accounting, MS in Quantitative Finance, MS in Management Information Systems, MBA and Executive MBA). In addition, the Lee Business School is home to three centers that connect faculty and students with business and industry. These centers include the Troesch Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, the Center for Business and Economic Research and the Lied Institute for Real Estate Studies. With more than 20,000 graduates, the Lee Business Alumni Chapter is one of the largest alumni chapters at UNLV.

About the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)

UNLV is a doctoral-degree granting institution of approximately 30,000 students and more than 3,000 faculty and staff that is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a research university with very high research activity. UNLV offers a broad range of respected academic programs. The university is committed to recruiting and retaining top students and faculty, educating the region's diversifying population and workforce, driving economic activity through increased research and community partnerships, and creating an academic health center for Southern Nevada that includes the new School of Medicine. UNLV is located on a 332-acre main campus with two satellite campuses in Southern Nevada.

The logo for the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) is displayed in a large, red, serif font. The letters are bold and closely spaced, with the 'U' and 'N' being particularly prominent.