

ECONOMICS, PH.D.

The doctoral program in economics provides thorough training in economic theory supplemented by knowledge of quantitative tools and understanding of modern economic institutions and policy problems.

This program prepares candidates to pursue successfully careers as economists in academia, research, government, and business.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to approach economics-related issues theoretically. Students should demonstrate a mastery of the relevant literature and have an appreciation for the usefulness and limitations of a given theory.
2. Students will be able to analyze data. Students should have the ability to construct, estimate, and interpret economic models.
3. Students will be able to undertake original research on economic issues. This should include the abilities to critically review previous research, to develop approaches to answering relevant questions, and to appropriately draw inferences from the outcomes of these research activities. The stress is on the ability to use data appropriately to answer research questions empirically.
4. Students will be able to clearly and effectively communicate the results of their research in written and oral form.
5. Students will develop the skills required to teach college-level classes in the area of economics.