

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

The online Master of Science in Economics program offers an analytics-infused economics education that can be customized by three unique specialization areas (Financial Economics; Business & Economics Data Analytics; and Public Economics & Policy). Students will be equipped to contribute to the modern economics landscape in business or public policy environments with a data-driven decision-making approach, developed in courses that give them the tools to analyze and interpret economic data.

Students may specialize in areas that offer the opportunity to expand applied or theoretical understanding of economics. With access to extensive datasets, both public and proprietary, top faculty teach cutting-edge quantitative and empirical instructional methods. Innovative teaching methods focus on highly relevant subjects such as econometrics, big data, machine learning, applications and tools such as Stata, Matlab, EViews and Python, business forecasting, game theory, experimental economics and more.

The program is designed not only to enhance your expertise in economics but to allow you to take your next giant leap while balancing work and life. Our fully online format fosters connections between students and faculty while maintaining crucial flexibility.

Start with a graduate certificate (only 12 credit hours) that can lead to a full master's degree. [Learn More.](#)



DEGREE EARNED
Master of Science



LENGTH
2-3 years
30 credits



FORMAT
Online



WORK EXPERIENCE
Avg. 7 years



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 100% online program combines synchronous and asynchronous learning and allows you to earn a degree while balancing your work and life
- Consistently ranked as one of the top online MS Economics programs in the United States
- Offers exceptional ROI alongside affordability and accessibility, with recent graduates reporting average salary increases of \$27k or more
- Start with a graduate certificate in Financial Economics, Business & Economics Data Analytics, or Public Economics & Policy that can lead to a full master's degree in economics
- Support services available, including career services (interview support, resume review and more) and success coaches (study skills, time management development, stress management coaching)

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CLASS PROFILE

Employers

- 160 Driving Academy
- Ally Financial
- Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
- Anchor QEA
- Collins Aerospace
- Microsoft
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Navy

Geography

- 10 states
- 8 countries

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Online Master's Programs

Economics

CURRICULUM

30 total required credits

9 required core credits

21 elective credits*

Foundational Courses (Required, 9 credits)

- Applied Microeconomics
- Econometrics I
- Fundamentals of Macroeconomics
- Mathematics for Economists
- Statistical Analysis for Economists

Economics Electives

**Students may take up to 21 credits
from the following courses:**

- Applied Game Theory
- Behavioral Economics
- Consumer and Producer Theory
- Econometrics II
- Economic Forecasting
- Economics, Business, and Pricing Strategies
- Financial Econometrics
- Industrial Economics
- International Economics
- Public Economics
- Quantitative Economics with Python
- Statistical and Machine Learning
- Wage Discrimination

Management Electives

**Students may take up to six credits
from the following courses:**

- Big Data Analytics in the Cloud
- Collaborative Innovation
- Financial Management
- Frontiers in AI
- Intro to Operations Management
- Leading with Empathy
- Marketing Management
- Negotiations in Organizations
- Supply Chain Management
- Technology Landscape
- Using R for Analytics
- Web Data Analytics

Use your electives to fulfill the requirements for one of our three online graduate certificates: Financial Economics; Business & Economics Data Analytics; and Public Economics & Policy.

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