Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Economists study how people make choices in life in response to the incentives that they face. Economists examine all types of markets, industrial and labor organizations, the distribution of income and ownership rights, governmental activities and political and economic philosophies, and analyze how these and other factors influence the production of goods and services.

Most economists are concerned with the practical applications of tools of economic decision making and analysis as they relate to industry and government operations. There are many types of economists, including business economists, labor economists, macroeconomists, public finance economists, behavioral economists and game theorists. Economics is a broad-ranging discipline that covers issues such as pricing and production, forecasting, the effect of incentives on urban development, or how to counteract a terrorist organization.

Careers in Economics

In the private sector, economists use their understanding of economic relationships to help industries set prices, forecast growth and analyze the impact of government regulations and global economic trends.

An economics degree also is considered excellent preparation for law school or for pursuing an MBA. As a group, economics majors are known to score the highest on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

The University’s Career Center is an important resource for students pursuing their career. Licensed counselors are available to provide strategies for mastering job interviews, writing professional cover letters and resumes and help students connect with campus recruiters.

Economics at UT Dallas

UT Dallas offers two types of economic degrees: a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science.

- The BA in economics degree requires 120 hours to graduate: 42 hours from the University’s core curriculum, 42 hours from the major and 36 hours of electives.
- The BS in economics degree requires 120 hours to graduate: 42 hours from the University’s core curriculum, 51 hours from the major and 27 hours of electives.

Because of the importance of quantitative skills to economists, courses in mathematics, statistics and econometrics are part of the major. Other courses include public and international finance, microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Fast-Track

UT Dallas undergraduates who meet the requirements for admission to graduate school and have at least a 3.25 UT Dallas cumulative GPA should consider the Fast-Track option. Fast-Track allows students to take up to 15 credit hours of graduate courses their senior year that can be applied toward both their bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree. Students who successfully complete the Fast-Track requirements are not required to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) before entering the master’s program.

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)

Every new generation inherits a world more complex than that of its predecessors, which prompts a need for new thinking about public policies that impact people’s daily lives. In the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, we examine the implications of innovation and change for individuals and communities, business, government and markets.

As an undergraduate in EPPS, you will have the opportunity to work with professors who are probing issues that will affect your future. You will develop the vital skills you need to thrive in a rapidly evolving, highly competitive job market. EPPS will prepare you for careers in government, non-profits and the private sector that enable you to make a real difference in the world of today and tomorrow.
EPPS is at the forefront of leadership, ethics and innovation in the public and nonprofit sectors. Our students and faculty look forward to new opportunities to study and address the complex and evolving issues of the future.

Research informs much of the instruction. The school has seven centers of excellence:

- Center for Crime and Justice Studies
- Center for Global Collective Action
- Center for the Study of Texas Politics
- Institute of Public Affairs
- Institute for Urban Policy Research
- Texas Schools Project
- The Negotiations Center

**Degrees Offered**

**Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts:** Criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, international political economy, political science, public affairs, sociology

**Master of Science:** Applied sociology, criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, international political economy, justice administration and leadership

**Master of Arts:** Political science, political science-constitutional law studies, political science-legislative studies

**Master of Public Affairs:** Public affairs

**Master of Public Policy:** Public policy

**Doctor of Philosophy:** Criminology, economics, geospatial information sciences, political science, public affairs, public policy and political economy

**Certificates**

EPPS offers the following graduate certificates, which generally can be completed in one year of part-time evening classes:

**Geographic Information Systems (GISc):** a 15-hour graduate-level certificate focusing on the application of GIS in government, private sector and scientific areas, which can be completed in one year of part-time evening classes.

**Remote Sensing:** a 15-hour for-credit graduate certificate focusing on remote sensing and digital image processing, which can be completed in one year of part-time evening study.

**Geospatial Intelligence:** a 15-hour graduate certificate focusing on the application of geospatial ideas and techniques to national security and other intelligence activity.

**Local Government Management:** a 15-hour graduate certificate focusing on the application of geospatial ideas and techniques to national security and other intelligence activity.

**Nonprofit Management:** a 15-hour graduate certificate designed to provide an overview of the nature and context of nonprofit organizations and develop competencies needed by nonprofit managers.

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