



The **Master of Arts** in **Economics**

Interpret and analyze financial trends and data at an advanced level.

Every news cycle seems to bring some kind of story about the economy. But how many people can actually interpret and analyze the facts and statistics reported about the stock market, job growth, consumer spending and more to understand how all these things work together and the results? Economists can.

Master of Arts in Economics

UMSL's Master of Arts in Economics program is specifically designed for those seeking to work as professional economists. Our students acquire knowledge, as well as a versatile set of skills, that are highly valued in the workplace. In fact, our MA program has an excellent track record of placing graduates in private sector and government jobs, as well as in top PhD programs. (See recent placements in our newsletters at umsl.edu/~econ/alumni/newsletter.html) A recent survey of alumni found that 95 percent of our MA in Economics students found a position within one year of graduation, and over 60 percent went on to earn annual salaries of \$100,000 or more.

There are other advantages to UMSL's MA in Economics program as well. We offer extensive coursework in applied economics and data analysis – five regularly-taught econometrics classes, for example, which is far more than most universities offer. These courses offer extensive hands-on experience with several software tools (SAS, R, Stata, Excel, Python, etc.). Students also gain practical knowledge through the completion of individual and group projects. Strong student-faculty relationships result from our small class sizes, as well as from hands-on learning from faculty who are enthusiastic about their classes and their related research. Our graduate research opportunities are exceptional as well. Students may work as research assistants on faculty research projects, as peer tutors in the Economic Resource Center, and collaborate on research projects through the UMSL student chapter of the National Association for Business Economics. The program can also accommodate those who wish to study part time as well.

2+3 BS/MA Dual Degree Program

The Master of Arts in Economics is also offered in a 2+3 program format which provides a pathway for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in economics with fewer total credit hours than would be required to complete each degree separately. Once all requirements have been met, students are awarded both a BS and an MA, enabling them to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

Transforming Lives

The Master of Arts in Economics at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off-campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

MA in Economics graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. That's because they have spent their time at UMSL engaging in creative and critical thinking, learning to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Our students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic and well-educated employees.

The Department of Economics offers small class sizes and an enthusiastic faculty who take pride in mentoring students. A unique feature of our department is the opportunity to take a large number of courses in applied economics and data analysis, in addition to traditional economics coursework. Students work as research assistants, peer tutors and collaborate on projects.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Master of Arts in Economics is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at econ.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce with strong communication skills, and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for economics.

Career Opportunities

Analytics Analyst
Business Intelligence Analyst
Consultant
Data Analyst
Data Quality Assurance Manager
Data Scientist
Demand Planner/Forecaster
Economics Instructor or Professor
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