
Economics

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Associateships

A number of teaching and research associateships are available for qualified students. Appointments permitting up to 20 hours of service per week are available. In addition, students interested in pursuing teaching careers at the community college level may apply for a teaching apprenticeship position. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the graduate student coordinator of the Department of Economics.

Scholarships

The Department of Economics administers two scholarship programs that are available to qualified students. Incoming students may apply for a Terhune scholarship. Terhune Scholarships are designed to cover tuition and fees for the first year of graduate study. The Center for Public Economics annually awards several scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$1,500 in the spring semester. Application forms and additional information for these programs may be obtained from the graduate student coordinator of the Department of Economics.

General Information

The Department of Economics offers a Master of Arts degree in economics. The program provides students with advanced training in decision-making techniques and quantitative analysis by building on a core of applied microeconomic and econometric classes. Students learn to apply analytic methods to business and policy issues, use advanced econometric methods and computer software. An internship program provides students with valuable work experience. The program is designed to (1) prepare students for careers in consulting, domestic and multinational firms and government agencies, (2) provide students with university-level teaching experience and access to community college teaching positions, and (3) provide advanced training in economics for students planning on entering a Ph.D. program.

Admission to Graduate Study

Students applying for admission to the Master of Arts program in economics should electronically submit the university application available at <http://www.csumentor.edu> along with the \$55 application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the Department of Economics.

Graduate Admissions

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

Graduate Admissions
Enrollment Services
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

- (1) Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all postsecondary institutions attended;

Note:

- Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
- Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

- (2) GRE scores (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682);

- (3) TOEFL score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682).

Department of Economics

The following materials should be mailed or delivered to:

Graduate Admissions Coordinator
Department of Economics
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-4485

- (1) Two letters of recommendation;
- (2) A personal statement of no more than 750 words that describes why you wish to pursue graduate study in economics.

International students interested in applying should first contact the International Student Center.

Advancement to Candidacy

In addition to the general requirements for advancement to candidacy described in Part Two of this bulletin, the student must have completed Economics 630, 631, 640, and 641 with at least a 3.0 (B) average and no individual core course grade lower than a 2.7 (B-). Deficiencies may be addressed by retaking core courses.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree

(Major Code: 22041)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the master's degree described in Part Two of this bulletin, the student must complete an approved graduate program of at least 32 units. Each program must include Economics 630, 631, 640, 640L, 641, 641L, 740, and 795. No program may contain more than nine units of approved courses outside economics. In addition, no program may contain more than six units of 500-level courses.

A written comprehensive examination covering the core fields of microeconomics and econometrics is required for Plan B students. Students selecting Plan A must include Economics 799A in their program and complete a master's thesis.

As an alternative to electing a general program, the student may choose to specialize in Latin American Policy Studies or Urban and Regional Policy. The specialization in Latin American Policy Studies with its applied and interdisciplinary focus, is designed to provide students with advanced training in Latin American policy issues. The specialization in Urban and Regional Policy, with its applied and interdisciplinary focus, is designed to provide students with advanced training in urban and regional policy issues.

**Specialization in
Latin American Policy Studies**

- ECON 720 Seminar in Development and Planning:
Latin American Economies (3)
- LATAM 601 Seminar on Methodology of Latin American
Studies (3)

One course selected from the following:

- HIST 558 Latin America in World Affairs (3)
- POL S 566 Political Change in Latin America (3)
- POL S 567 Political Systems of Latin America (3)

**Specialization in
Urban and Regional Policy**

- ECON 710 Seminar in Public Economics: Urban and Regional
Economics (3)

At least one course selected from the following:

- C P 625 Quantitative Techniques in Urban Planning (6)
- GEOG 584 Geographic Information Systems Applications (3)
- GEOG 683 Advanced Geographic Information Systems (3)

One course selected from the following:

- C P 665 Seminar in Urban and Regional Planning
Analysis (3)
- GEOG 596 Advanced Topics in Geography: Urban and
Regional Policy (3)
- GEOG 685 Advanced Quantitative Methods in Geography (3)
- GEOG 780 Seminar in Techniques of Spatial Analysis (3)

