Gain data analytics skills grounded in economic perspectives.

The M.S. in Applied Economics is ideal for those seeking careers in economic research, consulting and forecasting, either in private industry or government. The program, available both on campus and online, gives you the flexibility you need to continue your career while expanding your abilities at the same time.

Program Snapshot
- Program type: Master's Degree
- Format: On-campus or online
- Est. time to complete: 2 years
- Credit hours: 30

Looking to learn advanced applied economic skills?

UND's M.S. in Applied Economics provides hands-on experience in economic theory, mathematical economics and advanced statistical methods. Whether you complete a thesis or an independent study, you'll work directly with a faculty adviser during your graduate studies. You will learn to gather data, apply economic theory and communicate clearly with others — all skills critical to landing a career in private industry or government.

The flexible master's degree program is built to fit your schedule. You can attend classes in person or participate in classes online as they happen. This allows you to interact with others in real time or stream video of classes at a later date.

For undergraduate students, we also offer an accelerated Economics (B.A./M.S.A.E) degree which would allow you to earn a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years.

Top Applied Economics Program in the Nation

UND is increasingly regarded as one of the top academic institutions in the nation for applied economics. We consistently rank among the best for educational quality, affordability, and career outcomes.

#3 - The 15 Best Online Master's Degrees in Economics
#4 - Best Online Master's in Economics
#12 - U.S. News & World Report Best Online Graduate Business (Non-MBA) Program for Veterans
#24 - U.S. News & World Report Best Online Graduate Business (Non-MBA) Program

Application Deadlines

Fall: May 15* | Aug. 1
SPRING: Oct. 15* | Dec. 1
SUMMER: Mar. 15* | May 1
* Designates priority deadline
Applied Economics Overview

- #36: UND's rank in U.S. News & World Report's list of top online business programs.
- Take classes on campus, participate in classes online as they happen or watch later - this program is designed to fit your lifestyle.
- We support your research: Students and recent grads are eligible for department grants to cover the costs of conferences and research materials.
- Also available as part of a combined degree option, in which outstanding undergraduates can combine a UND bachelor's degree with the M.S. in Applied Economics.
- Pay in-state tuition regardless of where you live.
104K  Median annual salary for economists, 2018*

23%  Expected employment growth for market research analysts and marketing specialists by 2026, much faster than average for all occupations*


Careers in Applied Economics

Traditionally, economists were mostly in demand on a macro level — analyzing the effect of currency fluctuations, for example, or predicting trends. Increasingly, companies are relying on economists to analyze customer-level data to issue sales projections and forecast consumer behavior. A master's degree in Applied Economics puts you in position to launch a career in:

- Economic development
- Strategic planning
- Consulting
- Analysis
- Applied research

Best Online Business Graduate Program

Ranked #24 by U.S. News & World Report as one of the "Best Online Graduate Business (Non-MBA) Programs"

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