Fast-track your education with an accelerated degree in Economics and join the next generation of economists.

If you’re looking for the straightest line from education to professional, a UND Master of Science in Applied Economics (M.S.A.E.) degree is right for you. And, now with the option of an accelerated degree program, you can complete your higher education in an efficient way. With this accelerated program, you’ll gain the hands-on and practical expertise that today’s employers are looking for.

Program Snapshot
- Program type: Combined (Major and Master's)
- Format: On-campus
- Est. time to complete: 5 years
- Credit hours: 138

Why Study Economics at UND?

When you study economics, you'll investigate the subject from two perspectives. The view from 30,000 feet, or macroeconomics, covers society-wide issues such as inflation, unemployment and economic growth. You'll also study the field on a closer, or microeconomic, level, learning to analyze product pricing, competition between businesses in an industry, and the effects of regulation.

Because you'll perform wide-ranging quantitative and qualitative analysis of economic and social forces as an Economics student, this major is a great launching pad for careers such as data analysts, data quality managers, and in other fields that demand an understanding of individuals and society - as well as, of course, careers in academia and as professional economist. (If you're interested in pursuing graduate study in economics or actuarial science, consider enrolling in the quantitative track offered by the major.)

Looking to learn advanced applied economic skills? UND's M.S. in Applied Economics provides students the opportunity to learn data analytics informed by economics perspectives. Whether you complete a thesis or an independent study, you'll work directly with a faculty adviser as you learn to gather data, apply economic theory and communicate clearly with others — all skills critical to landing a career in private industry or government.

How does an accelerated program work?

The accelerated B.A./M.S.A.E. degree program allows exceptional undergraduate students at UND an opportunity to complete the requirements for both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees at an accelerated pace. Undergraduates in both the B.B.A. in Business Economics and the B.A. in Economics are eligible for consideration for the accelerated degree program.

All requirements for both the undergraduate and M.S.A.E. degrees must be met, and these students may double count up to 12 graduate-level credits towards the requirements for their undergraduate degree and their M.S.A.E. degree requirements. Accelerated degree students must obtain their M.S.A.E. degree within 12 months of completing their undergraduate degree, provided that the degree requirements can be completed in that time frame.
Accreditation

This program is accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Accreditation by AACSB International puts the UND CoBPA in the top 5% of business schools in the world.

Undergraduate Application Deadlines

**FALL:** FEB. 1* (FRESHMEN) | APRIL 15* (TRANSFER STUDENTS)
**SPRING:** DEC. 1
**SUMMER:** APRIL 1
*academic scholarship priority deadline

Graduate Application Deadlines

**FALL:** MAY 15* | AUG. 1
**SPRING:** OCT. 15* | DEC. 1
**SUMMER:** MAR. 15* | MAY 1
* Designates priority deadline

Program Highlights

- We support your research: Students and recent grads are eligible for department grants to cover the costs of conferences and research materials.
- Earn a master's degree in five years through joint enrollment in our Master of Science in Applied Economics (M.S.A.E.).
- Learn to clearly analyze and explain datasets to wide variety of individuals, a skill that will lead to countless career opportunities.
- Hear leading economists discuss insights on emerging issues at the annual Korus Seminar Series in Economics & Finance.
Outcomes

101K
Median annual salary for an economist, 2016*

6%
Expected growth in demand for economists by 2026*

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Economists have an inside track on predicting the results of policies set by governments and businesses. As a result, you'll be in demand as a researcher, manager or administrator in a range of industries. Some of the industries economics majors typically work in include:

- Corporate finance
- Government
- Insurance
- Investing
- Accounting
- Policy analysis
- Financial management

Increasingly, companies are relying on economists to analyze customer-level data to issue sales projections and forecast consumer behavior. A Master's in Applied Economics puts you in position to launch a career in:

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

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