

A photograph of a modern classroom or lecture hall with large windows. Several students are seated at long wooden tables, focused on their work. Some are writing in notebooks, while others are using laptops or tablets. The room is bright and airy, with natural light coming from the windows. A banner for the College of Business Administration is visible in the background.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS



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The science of economics creates a powerful ability to solve some of the world's most interesting and challenging problems using a deep understanding of markets, firm dynamics, and individual behavior.

WHY STUDY ECONOMICS?

Economists are problem solvers. Economists' unique blend of understanding human behavior and strong empirical skills allows them to solve many societal or organizational problems. For the economist working at a business, this can include predicting customer preferences, better management of business resources, and improved pricing.

Economics is one of the highest paid master's degrees, according to CNBC

Early-career median pay: \$68,000 | Mid-career median pay: \$134,000

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

We attract students from various countries and boast a global alumni network — with graduates living in countries like Brazil, China, Ghana, India, Thailand, and Turkey.

Our alumni hold diverse positions in government, business, and academia. Common job titles for our graduates include Data Analyst, Market Research Analyst, Financial Analyst, Technical Analyst, and Research Associate. Here are just a few of the organizations that employ our graduates:

- » Bank of the West
- » Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
- » ConAgra
- » First National Bank of Omaha
- » PJ Morgan Real Estate
- » TD Ameritrade
- » United States Army Corps of Engineers
- » US Bank
- » Union Pacific Railroad
- » Wells Fargo Bank

As a STEM-designated program, international students are eligible for an additional 24 months of optional practical training (OPT) beyond the standard 12 months of OPT.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- » Junior/senior GPA of at least 2.85
- » TOEFL (international applicants): Minimum score of 80 for internet-based test or 550 for paper-based test
- » Completion of courses equivalent to the following five foundation courses:
 - ECON 2200 (Principles of Economics: Micro)
 - ECON 2220 (Principles of Economics: Macro)
 - ECON 3200 (Economic Theory: Micro or Intermediate Micro)
 - ECON 3220 (Economics Theory: Macro or Intermediate Macro)
 - BSAD 2130 (Principles of Business Statistics)

Applicants meeting the minimum GPA and language requirements but lacking some foundation courses will be granted provisional admission until all foundation courses are completed with grades of B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or above.

CORE COURSES (12-15 CREDIT HOURS)

- » ECON 8290 Research Methods in Economics and Business
- » ECON 8306 Quantitative Applications in Economics and Business*
- » ECON 8200 Seminar in Micro Theory
- » ECON 8220 Seminar in Macro Theory
- » ECON 8300 Econometrics

**Not required for students demonstrating satisfactory mathematical skills. If it is not taken, students should take three additional hours of elective courses.*

ELECTIVES AND CONCENTRATIONS (21-24 CREDIT HOURS)

Students are strongly encouraged to complete an area of concentration, which requires 9 credit hours of elective courses. Concentration options include:

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| » Business Economics | » Monetary and Financial Economics |
| » Econometrics and Data Analytics | » Ph.D. Preparatory |
| » Growth and Innovation Economics | » Public Policy Economics |
| » International Economics | » Trade and Global Value Chains |

EXIT REQUIREMENT

Comprehensive Examinations

APPLICATION DEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS	ALL OTHER APPLICANTS
FALL	FALL
	
SPRING	SPRING
	
SUMMER	SUMMER
	

“Earning my master’s in economics at UNO was a challenging and extremely rewarding journey. The comprehensive curriculum and excellent professors helped me develop the skill set needed for success in my career.”

PATRICK NOWAK

*Economist
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

“Economics is the study of logic and decision making. The economics program at UNO developed my research and analytical skills, which I use at work every day. The interactive nature of the courses made the classes a joy to attend.”

GAURI JOSHI CHATTERJEE

*Technical Analyst
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska*

THE UNO DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

UNO's Economics faculty members are internationally recognized scholars with strong commitments to teaching and mentoring students.

The university's first, and only, Eminent Scholar calls the Department of Economics home. Faculty research is published in well-regarded and highly ranked economics journals, and multiple members serve on editorial boards. Many of our professors have received the universitywide Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity as well as the College of Business Administration Dean's Award for Research.

These accomplishments in scholarship are matched by our commitment to teaching, as evidenced by numerous college- and university-level teaching awards. Our department houses the nationally recognized Center for Economic Education and the production office of the *Journal of Economics Teaching* (JET).

The Center for Economic Education helps K-12 school districts in the region improve the teaching of economics and personal finance through face-to-face workshops while providing valuable resources to teachers nationwide. Through resources published in JET and other economic education publications, our department influences the pedagogy of economic educators nationwide.

Our department has strong ties with Omaha-area businesses and organizations and collaborates with researchers in the United States and abroad. One faculty member's blog is among the most popular in economics, and another faculty member has a regular online column in one of China's top newspapers. Our faculty have also served as elected officers of economics societies.

Besides the Master of Science in Economics, the department also offers a Master of Arts in Economics (thesis option). See the Graduate Catalog for details.



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