



# GRADUATE STUDIES IN ECONOMICS

## FACULTY AND RESEARCH AREAS

### **Donald Baum, Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School**

Taxation, Subsidies, and Revenue; Publicly Provided Goods; State and Local Finance

### **Catherine Y. Co, Ph.D., Rutgers University**

International Trade; International Factor Movements and International Business; Technological Change; Research and Development

### **William Corcoran, Ph.D., Rutgers University**

Welfare Economics: Allocative Efficiency, Cost-Benefit Analysis; Analysis of Education; General Regional Econ.: Econometric and I-O Models

### **Christopher Decker, Ph.D., Indiana University**

Environmental Economics: Government Policy and Business Strategy; Regional Economics: Modeling and Forecasting; Managerial Economics and Industrial Organization; Empirical Analysis

### **Arthur M. Diamond, Jr., Ph.D., University of Chicago**

Capitalist Systems; History of Thought: Individuals; Current Heterodox Approaches; Technological Change; Research and Development; Entrepreneurship

### **Shuanglin Lin, Ph.D., Purdue University**

Countrywide Studies: China; Economic Development; Taxation, Subsidies, and Revenue; Fiscal Policies and Behavior of Economic Agents

### **Jinlan Ni, Ph.D., Purdue University**

International Finance; Financial Economics; Information, Knowledge, and Uncertainty; Labor and Demographic Economics

### **Janet West, M.A., Michigan State University**

Labor-Management Relations, Trade Unions, and Collective Bargaining; Economic Education and Teaching of Economics

### **Mark Wohar, Ph.D., University of Illinois**

Asset Pricing, Business Fluctuations, and Cycles; Money and Interest Rates; Monetary Policy, Central Banking, and the Supply of Money and Credit; Econometric and Statistical Methods: International Finance

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The Department of Economics received UNO's Academic Excellence Strategic Planning Award in 2008 for consistently producing nationally and internationally recognized research, offering high-quality teaching, and providing dedicated service to UNO, the community, and the economics profession.

The graduate program in economics is designed to provide a solid background in theory, quantitative methods and application appropriate to the needs of economists involved in the analysis of domestic and international business and economic conditions, financial analysis, policy analysis, forecasting, simulation and related work. In addition, the program prepares students for further graduate work in economics and related fields.

The department offers two graduate programs.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS), NONTHESIS PROGRAM

The MS program comprises 36 hours of coursework with a written comprehensive examination over microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics.

A. Core Courses	15 Credit Hours
1. ECON 8296, Research Methods in Econ. and Bus.	
2. ECON 8306, Quantitative Applications in Econ. and Bus.*	
3. ECON 8200, Seminar in Micro Economics	
4. ECON 8220, Seminar in Macro Economics	
5. ECON 8300, Econometrics	
B. Three Course Concentration	9 Credit Hours
<i>Concentrations</i>	
Business Economics	
International Economics	
Monetary and Financial Economics	
Ph.D. Preparatory	
Public Policy Economics	
C. Four Elective Courses	12 Credit Hours
TOTAL:	36 Credit Hours
D. Comprehensive Exams	

\*Not required for students demonstrating satisfactory mathematical skills. In that case, add three hours to electives.

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## MASTER OF ARTS (MA), THESIS PROGRAM

The MA program requires 30 hours, including 6 hours of thesis, and an oral comprehensive examination. At the time of application for candidacy, the MA student will be assigned a Master's Thesis Committee and an advisor who will direct the thesis. Students are responsible for seeing that all forms, program plans, thesis, and oral comprehensive examination are completed on time for graduation in the desired semester.

A. Core Courses	15 Credit Hours
The same core courses as the MS program.	
B. Three Course Concentration	9 Credit Hours
The same concentrations as the MS program.	
C. Thesis	6 Credit Hours
TOTAL:	30 Credit Hours
D. Oral Thesis Defense and Oral Comprehensive Exams	

**PROGRAM DETAILS AT [HTTP://CBA.UNOMAHA.EDU/ECON/](http://CBA.UNOMAHA.EDU/ECON/)**

## ADMISSION

A Bachelors Degree is required for admission to the UNO Graduate College, with admission of seniors contingent upon receipt of the degree. Undergraduate record as measured by the Grade Point Average (GPA) is the primary evidence used for admission. A GPA of 3.00 or higher over the Junior-Senior years, or in economics courses if the undergraduate major is economics, is normally required for admittance. If the GPA is below 3.00, other records, such as Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, letters of recommendation, and grades in specific undergraduate courses, may be used as additional evidence of ability to do graduate work. The GRE is not required for admission. Applicants with non-English backgrounds are required to take the TOEFL, and must score at least 530 to be admitted to the program.

Applications must be approved by the Economics Department and the UNO Dean for Graduate Studies. At a minimum, undergraduate courses required for unconditional admittance are Statistics (similar to UNO's BSAD 3160), Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (UNO Econ 3200), and Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (UNO Econ 3220). Otherwise qualified applicants who do not have these courses will be admitted provisionally, and must take them in the first semester at UNO. With permission, provisional students may take graduate Managerial Economics (UNO Econ 8210) rather than Intermediate Microeconomic Theory. Some knowledge of calculus and matrix algebra is essential. Applicants without this background may be required to take a mathematics course at the beginning of their program or otherwise demonstrate adequate mathematical preparation. Unless students have extensive mathematics background, they must take Quantitative Applications in Economics (Econ 8306) early in the program.

Application materials are available at  
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## ECONOMISTS' SKILLS

**Analytical Skills.** Economists analyze and interpret economic and statistical data.

**Statistical Skills.** Economists process business and economic data using mathematical models and statistical and econometric techniques. Some provide business and economic forecasts.

**Written Communication Skills.** Economists write economic reports to explain and communicate the implications of their research findings.

**Oral Communication Skills.** Economists provide advice and recommend course of actions to persons inside their organizations. Economic consultants perform the same functions for their clients.

**Knowledge.** Besides economics, knowledge of accounting, finance, law, and quantitative and statistical techniques are necessary.

Our graduates have found employment in local, national, and international businesses, the US federal government, and other US government agencies. Some of our graduates have also entered highly ranked Ph.D. and J.D. programs in the United States.