Ten Months, Ten Courses.

With 18- and 24-month options also available, now is the perfect time to pursue a master’s degree in economics at UT Austin. Complement another area of expertise, strengthen your existing analytical and statistical skills, or obtain the background to gain admission to a highly ranked economics PhD program. UT graduates have also qualified for positions in the private or government sector as a result of their greater expertise in the field. You will have the opportunity to study and interact with the department’s world-class faculty. And you can enjoy everything Austin, Texas has to offer while completing your graduate work.

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The UT Austin Difference.
The Department of Economics MA program at UT offers a rigorous curriculum with quantitative training. While an undergraduate degree in economics is not required, a strong quantitative background—along with some exposure to economics courses—is expected. The degree requirements, including completion of the core courses and 30 graded credit hours, will be the same for all degree tracks. A thesis option is not required (or offered) in any of the degree tracks. In addition to the core courses listed below, elective offerings include Industrial Organization, Labor Economics, Financial Economics, Advanced Econometrics, Energy/Environmental Economics, International Economics, and more.

The following chart provides a side-by-side comparison of the three program tracks. Program staff will work closely with individual students on course choices and progress to degree.

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**Required Application Materials**

- Application Fee
- GRE Scores
- Transcripts
- TOEFL or IELTS scores  
  (international applicants only)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Mathematics preparation for graduate applicants form
- Resume
- Additional materials (optional)

Math prerequisites include a full calculus sequence. Linear algebra is also recommended.

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**Tuition and Fees**

Tuition rates are competitive with top tier institutions worldwide.

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**Financial Aid**

University scholarships are not available, but students may be eligible for loans through the Office of Student Financial Services. To apply for loans, students will need the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Title IV School Code for The University of Texas at Austin is 003658.

**Merit-based Tuition and Fee Waivers**

The MA program awards merit-based tuition reductions to exceptional applicants. All applicants will be considered during the application process, and no separate application is necessary.

**Cost of Living Comparison**

It is less expensive to live in Austin, Texas than in other U.S. cities with top graduate programs. Take a look at the cost of living comparison at [ma.eco.utexas.edu/austin-texas](http://ma.eco.utexas.edu/austin-texas). UT Austin’s Office of Student Financial Services also provides general estimates for the cost of attendance (excluding tuition) including room and board, transportation, and books.
The MA program at UT gave me the technical background I need to perform well in my current position at a research organization. The program emphasizes an analytical foundation, which lends itself to solving complex problems not only within economics, but also within data analytics and statistics. Additionally, having access to UT’s wide network continues to be an invaluable asset to my career.

Allie Saizan, MA 2015
New Orleans, Louisiana
The MA program at UT solidified my desire to pursue a PhD in economics. Students get a taste of what economics is like at the graduate level and can work with professors involved in interesting research. The program is fast-paced and challenging, but it is well worth the effort. Completing the MA program and working as a research assistant while I was at UT really strengthened my credentials and allowed me to land a research specialist job at a top university.

Kevin DeLuca, MA 2015
Austin, Texas

Upon arriving in Austin, I felt at home and immediately dove into its unique and diverse culture. I have already benefited tremendously from the reputation of the [department], interactions with its students and faculty, and the experience and education I got from the program.

Marek Zapletal, MA 2015
Czech Republic
I would recommend the MA program for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of higher level economics, which is rich in mathematical theory and a logical approach to problem solving. UT Austin’s MA program has helped me decide whether or not to pursue a PhD in economics while developing a critical way of thinking that I can contribute to any future job or doctoral program.

Courtney Waldron, MA 2014
Las Vegas, Nevada