Department of Economics
University of Nevada, Reno

MA in Economics
MS in Economics
PhD in Economics

Graduate Student Handbook

2015 – 2016
Welcome to the Department of Economics at the University of Nevada, Reno. The Department offers a Master of Arts (MA) a Master of Science (MS) and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Economics. Department faculty promote the integration of economic theory and applied econometrics. The Economics department emphasizes an applied approach to economics. The MA emphasizes economic and public policy and is frequently complemented by course work in Geography, Political Science, and other disciplines. The MS emphasizes additional theoretical training in economics and is tailored for students seeking a terminal degree or a Ph.D. in Economics. The Ph.D. emphasizes applied economics, with specialties in Behavioral, Urban/Regional, Natural Resource/Environmental, and Applied Microeconomics.

The Department of Economics was established in 1911 as the Department of Economics and Sociology in the College of Arts and Science. The first BA in economics was awarded in 1919. The first BS in Economics was awarded in 1924, two years after the establishment of the Department of Economics, Business and Sociology in 1922.

The College of Business (COB) that exists today was established in 1956. The economics department, along with other business departments on campus, was moved into the new college that year. The department issued its first Master of Arts in 1966, its first Master of Science in 1968, and its first Ph.D. in 2013.

Faculty

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* John Dobra, PhD, VA Poly Institute University, 1980
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* Tom Harris, PhD, Oklahoma State University, 1981
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* Sankar Mukhopadhyay, PhD, University of Pennsylvania, 2005
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  Specialties: Labor economics; Health economics
* Mark W. Nichols, PhD, Florida State University, 1994
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Ted Oleson, MS, University of Nevada, Reno, 1990
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  Specialties: Economic history; Institutional economics; Local economic development;
  Complexity and chaos theory

* P. Elliott Parker, Ph.D., University of Washington, 1992
  Professor, Dir., Core Curriculum
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* Mark Pingle, PhD, University of Southern California, 1988
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* Kim Rollins, PhD, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1990
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  Specialties: Environmental economics; Natural resource economics;
  Applied microeconomics; Applied welfare economics

* Shunfeng Song, PhD, University of California, Irvine, 1992
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  Specialties: Urban economics; Transportation economics; Regional economics

* Todd Sorensen, PhD, University of Arizona, 2007
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  Specialties:

Debra Stiver, MBA, University of Nevada, Reno, 1989
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  Applied Microeconomics
* Mehmet Tosun, Ph.D., Syracuse University, 2001
  Assoc. Professor/Chair, Economics
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  Specialties: Public economics; Regional economics; Population economics

* Jeanne Wendel, Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, 1977
  Office: Ansari Business, 319D; phone: 784-6695; e-mail: wendel@unr.edu
  Specialties: Health economics; Economics of government regulation

* Jing Jing Yang, Ph.D., Michigan State, 2010
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  Specialties: Econometrics; Time series analysis

ADJUNCT FACULTY

* Denotes status as Graduate Faculty

STAFF

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OTHER CAMPUS CONTACTS

Financial Aid; phone: 784-4666; http://www.unr.edu/financial-aid/
Graduate School; phone: 784-6869; http://www.unr.edu/grad
Graduate Student Association; phone: 784-4629; http://www.unr.edu/gsa
Mackay Student Services; phone: 327-2056; http://www.unr.edu/mackay/student-services
Office of International Students; phone: 784-6874; http://www.unr.edu/oiss
PHD RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
All PhD students must fulfill the Graduate School residency requirement, which requires two consecutive semesters of at least nine (9) graduate credits each. Students on 20 hr/week assistantships require six (6) credits each for two consecutive semesters.

MATH CAMP
New graduate students are required to participate in Math Camp, an intensive review/summary of the mathematics necessary for the Ph.D. core courses. Math Camp is held during the week prior to the start of classes each fall semester.

CURRICULUM FOR THE PHD IN ECONOMICS
72 total required credits, including max of 24 from Masters degree
Of these 72 credits, 30 must be 700-level (seminar) credits, excluding dissertation credits; as many as 18 700-level credits may be used from a masters degree program

The three categories of coursework for the Ph.D. in Economics are:
6 core courses,
4 field courses, and
6 or more elective courses.

CORE COURSES
Three two-course sequences comprise the Ph.D. core curriculum:
Microeconomic Theory I and II (ECON 702, ECON 712),
Macroeconomic Theory I and II (ECON 703, ECON 704), and
Econometrics I and II (ECON 741, ECON 742).

Students are expected to give their full attention to these core courses as they will take 2 comprehensive exams on microeconomic theory and macroeconomic theory to test knowledge of core course content at the end of their first year. These comprehensive exams are graded on a pass/fail basis.

Students are expected to take a total of 6 courses in their first year. These courses must include the 2 microeconomic theory courses, two macroeconomic theory courses, and two econometrics courses. Students should normally take all 6 Ph.D. core courses during their first year. The core
micro and macro courses must be completed in the first year. Students must complete all core courses by the end of their second year.

**FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Students choose specializations in 2 fields from the following:

Applied Microeconomics  
Behavioral Economics  
Business Economics  
Environmental and Resource Economics  
Urban and Regional Economics

Each field consists of two 700-level courses, but these would typically be complemented by other courses from a list of recommended electives. In cases where the same course satisfies requirements of two fields, students are still required to take a minimum of four 700-level courses for their two fields.

Recommended electives listed for each field are not a comprehensive list of possible electives. Students may find that other elective graduate courses effectively complement their chosen fields. These must be approved by the student's advisor and Graduate Director.

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

The 6 Ph.D. core courses and 4 field courses account for 30 700-level graduate credits. Students take 6 additional elective graduate courses (18 credits) to complete their course requirements.

Elective courses are typically chosen in consultation with the student’s academic advisor to support the student’s doctoral research, to strengthen fields of specialization. Most 600 or 700 level courses in the departments of Economics, Mathematics and Statistics, Geography, and some in other departments in the College of Business are approved electives.

Students who are engaged in research applications that are related to other fields may find it helpful to take graduate courses in another field. These can be counted toward fulfilling the elective requirements as long as they are at the graduate level (600 or 700 level) and are approved by the student’s advisory committee. Approved electives for each field may be found online at [http://www.unr.edu/business/degree-programs/economics/phd?view=courses](http://www.unr.edu/business/degree-programs/economics/phd?view=courses).

**COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS**

Students must be accepted into the Ph.D. program or receive permission from the graduate director in order to take the comprehensive exams. Ph.D. students are required to take the comprehen-
sive exams in the first summer following the completion of the core microeconomic and macroeco-

comic theory courses. Failure to take the comprehensive exams at this time will be considered a Fail. Students failing one or both of the comprehensive exams in the summer will have only one additional opportunity to re-take the exam(s) in January. Failure to pass both exams will result in dismissal from the Ph.D. program, although students are allowed and encouraged to complete their Masters.

Copies of earlier exams are posted online. Course work provides preparation for the comprehen-
sive exams and success in future classes. Additional studying, problem solving, and reading outside of course work is necessary to succeed in the comprehensive examinations and the program.

Advisor and Graduate Committee

The PhD graduate committee consists of at least five members of the graduate faculty, including your Advisor. Your Advisor should be the primary Department contact for information, guidance and mentoring throughout a student's graduate studies. It is the student's responsibility to contact his/her Advisor about appropriate coursework, research questions, and selection of a graduate committee. In addition to the permanent advisor as chair, the committee is composed of two or more members from Economics; one or more members from departments in related fields; and, one member outside Economics, who is the Graduate School Representative. You should work with your advisor when selecting the committee. This should be done in your second year after passing the comprehensive examinations. To formally establish a committee, complete a “Program of Study” form available on the Graduate School’s website. If any changes are made to your graduate committee, fill out a “Change of Advisory Committee” form.

Dissertation

Each PhD student will need to enroll for a minimum of 24 hours of dissertation credits. These credit hours are given a satisfactory or unsatisfactory (S/U) grade. Graduate students should meet with their advisor prior to registering for dissertation credits and gain a clear understanding of what is required to receive a passing (S) grade. In general, inadequate or lack of progress on a dissertation will result in a non-passing (U) grade. Dissertation credits may NOT be taken during the summer semester, except under special circumstances.

The dissertation topic and the methodology are chosen by the student in consultation with the Advisor and Graduate Committee. Students should work closely with their Advisors and Graduate Committee members on their dissertation research and the documentation of the dissertation. For those involved in research dealing with human subjects, be informed that effective February 1, 2003, the University requires the completion of formal on-line training prior to obtaining the necessary authorization (details are available on the UNR Office of Human Research Protection Web site, http://www.unr.edu/ohrp/.
The dissertation consists of publication-ready articles or book chapters (typically three [3]), interconnected by a single overriding theme.

Students will present and defend their dissertation to their Advisor and Graduate Committee. The dissertation defense is a formal presentation of about an hour and half, including questions and answers, and this is open to the public.

When a dissertation is successfully defended, the “Notice of Completion” must be filled out and turned into the Department’s Graduate Director. The “Notice of Completion” form must be submitted to the Graduate School by mid-December for Fall semester graduation, and by mid-May for Spring semester graduation (check the Graduate School website for exact dates).

The approved dissertation must be sent to the Graduate School. Deadlines for dissertation submission are the same as those for the “Notice of Completion.” It is recommended that each student makes an appointment at the Graduate School to check the necessary format and style before handing in a final dissertation. The Advisor must submit a “Dissertation Final Review Approval” prior to the submission of the dissertation. Further information about dissertation preparation can be found on the Graduate School website.

ROADMAP TO COMPLETION

To help students plan for completing their degree, we present a possible timeline for the PhD. This simply illustrates how all program requirements could be satisfied in a timely manner.

1st Year
Focus on core micro, macro, and econometrics courses and comprehensive exams. Previous year exams are posted on webcampus.

2nd Year
Upon passing comprehensive exams, formulate research and dissertation proposal. Two faculty from the economics department should validate and approve proposed research agenda.

Present research in brown bag seminar. This should be done in the first semester after passing the comprehensive exams and no later than Spring of second year.

Formulate remainder of dissertation committee. Committee consists of three members from the economics department, one member from a related department, and one external member. Your committee chair can help you with the formulation of your committee.

3rd Year
Complete a paper by October so as not to be at a disadvantage when applying for jobs in your fourth year. Ideally submit paper for publication in “B+” journal, subject to advisor approval.
Present research at an academic conference. Department funding for academic conferences is based on the suitability of your research and the conference. A student may apply for funding from the Graduate Student Association. Conference selection must be approved by your advisor and the department chair.

Defend dissertation proposal no later than December of your third year. Proposal defense should be made to the entire committee.

4th Year
A chapter of your dissertation should be submitted for publication to an academic journal and ideally published or under revision for submission.

Second chapter should be near completion and ready for presentation.

Present your job market paper in the department seminar series. This should be done early in the Fall semester (September or October) before going on the job market.

Defend dissertation by Spring. Dissertation chapters should be publishable in academic journals.

5th Year
Funding and extension of above guidelines subject to adequate progress and approval of the department’s graduate committee in consultation with committee chair.

GRADUATE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Ethics
Academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. Cheating in class or plagiarizing, presenting the ideas of others as your own or without proper citation, will not be tolerated. Anyone discovered cheating or plagiarizing will be dismissed from the program.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate student funding is a privilege, not a right. Continuation of funding is contingent upon satisfactory performance as a graduate assistant and in course work. Failure to perform satisfactorily as either a graduate assistant or in course work will result in a loss of funding.

All new graduate teaching assistants will need to meet the University and Department requirements for Teaching Assistants, and these may change from time to time — please consult with
the graduate advisor.

All teaching assistants must register for GRAD 701 (no credit) and attend the TA training workshop, run by the Grad School, the week prior to the start of their first semester as a TA.

Teaching assistants will report directly to the course instructor to whom they are assigned. Their responsibilities to assist the course instructor may include, but are not limited to, the following tasks:

- attending class and assisting, as needed, with distributing materials, setting up and operating audiovisual equipment;
- conducting discussion groups;
- directing student study sessions;
- assisting in the development of lectures, assignments, quizzes, examinations and laboratories and/or discussion groups;
- proctoring examinations;
- grading of class assignments, quizzes and examinations;
- giving short presentations to the class, under supervision by the course instructor.

It is recommended that all graduate teaching assistants post their office hours in the hallway near their office door. TAs must take a minimum of six (6) credits per semester – on the other hand, they are limited to a maximum of twelve (12) credits per semester.

**Department Participation**

Graduate students are expected to participate in the research culture of the department. We expect 80% attendance at department seminars, which are provided for the benefit of students as much as faculty. Failure to comply may result in removal of funding and dismissal from the program.

**Graduation**

In order to graduate, all program requirements must be met as specified in the previous sections. For dissertations, in addition to the “Notice of Completion,” the Advisor must submit the “Final Review Approval.” Graduating students must meet all the required Graduate School dates. Students wishing to graduate must also purchase an application for graduation from the Office of Admissions and Records and submit it to his/her Advisor. Applications for graduation must be submitted to the Graduate School by October for December graduation and January for May graduation (contact the Graduate School for exact dates). The application includes the date of graduation, and the approval of the dissertation committee Chair and the Graduate Dean. An applicant who does not complete all degree requirements by the specified deadline must update and resubmit an application for graduation during the next appropriate filing period.

Please remember that the Graduate School NO longer accepts any HANDWRITTEN
FORMS, including Applications. All forms on the Graduate School website are interactive, i.e., the student fills them out on-line, and then prints them out for signatures.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE AND ARTS IN ECONOMICS**

Candidates for the MS or MA in Economics must satisfy the general requirements of the Graduate School. Courses should be selected to complement the student’s area of interest and enhance his/her conceptual and research skills. Two degree plans are available: Plan A is the non-thesis option (33 credits); Plan B (30 credits) requires a thesis.

Each candidate’s program of study must be approved by the student’s departmental advisor and the Director of Graduate Programs. Students must also meet all university and college requirements for the master’s degree.

Students who are considering a Ph.D. should select the MS Non-Thesis option. Masters students who wish to transfer into the Ph.D. program must have approval from the Graduate Director and must sit for the comprehensive exams in the first year.

Each graduate course must be completed with a grade of C or better for the credit to be acceptable toward the degree. Additionally, students in the program must maintain a 3.0 (B) or better cumulative grade point average in all graduate credits attempted at the University. Students have up to six (6) years to complete all requirements for their degree (including the period for the transfer credits). A template for obtaining the master’s degree in two (2) years is provided in this handbook under the heading “Roadmap to Completion.” Be advised that the six-year clock begins with the first course you apply toward the degree, i.e., any courses you transfer in. If credits are from another institution, the “Graduate Credit Transfer Evaluation Request” must be filed.

**MATH CAMP**

New graduate students are required to participate in Math Camp, an intensive review/summary of the mathematics necessary for the core courses. Math Camp is held during the week prior to the start of classes each fall semester. This is part of your credit for ECON 794.

**CURRICULUM FOR THE MS IN ECONOMICS**

**Master of Science Course Requirements (Plan A: Non-Thesis Option)**

Specific course requirements for the Master of Science in economics include:

1. ECON 702 (Advanced Microeconomics)
2. ECON 712 (Microeconomics II)
3. ECON 703 (Advanced Macroeconomics)
4. ECON 704 (Advanced Macroeconomics II)
5. ECON 741 (Econometrics I)
6. ECON 742 (Econometrics II)
7. Nine additional credits taken at the 700-level, subject to graduate advisor approval.
8. Six additional credits taken at the 600 or 700-level, subject to graduate advisor approval.
9. A total of at least 33 credits of graduate-level courses
10. ECON 794 (1 credit)

Master of Science Course Requirements (Plan B: Thesis Option)

Specific course requirements for the Master of Science in economics include:
1. ECON 702 (Advanced Microeconomics)
2. ECON 712 (Microeconomics II)
3. ECON 703 (Advanced Macroeconomics)
4. ECON 704 (Advanced Macroeconomics II)
5. ECON 741 (Econometrics I)
6. ECON 742 (Econometrics II)
7. Six additional credits of approved graduate courses, only three of which may be taken at the 600-level
8. Six credits of thesis work
9. A total of at least 24 credits of graduate-level courses
10. ECON 794 (1 credit)

CURRICULUM FOR THE MA IN ECONOMICS

Master of Arts Course Requirements (Plan A: Non-Thesis Option)

Specific course requirements for the Master of Arts in economics include:
1. ECON 702 (Advanced Microeconomics)
2. ECON 703 (Advanced Macroeconomics)
3. ECON 741 (Applied Econometrics)
4. ECON 794, Seminar, one credit
5. Nine additional credits taken at the 700-level.
6. A total of at least 33 credits of graduate-level courses, subject to graduate advisor approval.

Master of Arts Course Requirements (Plan B: Thesis Option)

Specific course requirements for the Master of Arts in economics include:
1. ECON 702 (Advanced Microeconomics)
2. ECON 703 (Advanced Macroeconomics)
3. ECON 741 (Applied Econometrics)
4. Nine additional credits taken at the 700-level.
5. A total of at least 24 credits of graduate-level courses, subject to graduate advisor approval.
7. ECON 794, Seminar, one credit.

NON-THESIS OPTION

The non-thesis option requires graduate students to complete a larger number of coursework credits. Non-economics electives must be approved by the graduate director.

THESIS

The thesis option requires approval of the graduate advisor. Six thesis credits may be counted towards the 30 required credits. Each candidate’s program of study must be approved by the student’s departmental advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies. Students must also meet all university and college requirements for the master’s degree.

Each student who opts to complete a thesis will need to enroll for a minimum of six hours of thesis credits. These credit hours are given a satisfactory or unsatisfactory (S/U) grade and should generally be taken over the course of two or more semesters. Graduate students should meet with their advisor prior to registering for thesis credits and gain a clear understanding of what is required to receive a passing (S) grade. In general, inadequate or lack of progress on a thesis will result in a non-passing (U) grade. Thesis credits may **NOT** be taken during the summer semester, except under special circumstances.

The thesis topic and the methodology are chosen by the student in consultation with the Advisor and Graduate Committee. Students should work closely with their Advisors and Graduate Committee members on their thesis research and the documentation of the thesis. For those involved in research dealing with human subjects, be informed that effective February 1, 2003, the University requires the completion of formal on-line training prior to obtaining the necessary authorization (details are available on the UNR Office of Human Research Protection Web site, [http://www.unr.edu/ohrp/](http://www.unr.edu/ohrp/)).

Students will present and defend their thesis to their Advisor and Graduate Committee. Typically, the thesis defense is a formal presentation of about an hour, including questions and answers, and this is open to the public.

When a thesis is successfully defended, the “Notice of Completion” must be filled out and turned into the Department’s Graduate Director. The “Notice of Completion” form must be submitted to the Graduate School by mid-December for Fall semester graduation, and by mid-May for Spring semester graduation (check the Graduate School website for exact dates).
The approved thesis must be sent to the Graduate School. Deadlines for thesis submission are the same as those for the “Notice of Completion.” It is recommended that each student makes an appointment at the Graduate School to check the necessary format and style before handing in a final thesis. Further information about thesis preparation can be found on the Graduate School website.

**ROADMAP TO COMPLETION**

**MS Economics Plan A (Non-thesis option) Timeline**

First (Fall) semester
- Enroll in core theory courses (ECON 702, 703, 741)

Second (Spring) semester:
- Enroll in core theory courses (ECON 704, 712, 742)

Third (Fall) semester:
- Select elective courses (non-ECON classes require Graduate Director approval)
- Complete “Program of Study” and submit form to Grad School.

Fourth (Spring) semester:
- Complete elective courses
- Complete “Notice of Completion” and
- Apply for graduation.

**MS Economics Plan B (Thesis option) Timeline**

First (Fall) semester
- Enroll in core theory courses (ECON 702, 703, 741)

Second (Spring) semester:
- Enroll in core theory courses (ECON 704, 712, 742)

Third (Fall) semester:
- Select elective courses (non-ECON classes require Graduate Director approval)
- Complete “Program of Study” and submit form to Grad School.
- Select thesis topic and advisor and begin thesis research

Fourth (Spring) semester:
- Complete elective courses.
- Complete and defend thesis. Defense should be scheduled no later than April.
Complete “Notice of Completion” and
Apply for graduation.

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- Enroll in core theory courses (ECON 702, 703, 741)

Second (Spring) semester:
- Select elective courses (non-ECON classes require Graduate Director approval)

Third (Fall) semester:
- Select elective courses (non-ECON classes require Graduate Director approval)
- Complete “Program of Study” and submit form to Grad School.

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- Apply for graduation.

**MA Economics Plan B (Thesis option) Timeline**

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- Enroll in core theory courses (ECON 702, 703, 741)

Second (Spring) semester:
- Select elective courses (non-ECON classes require Graduate Director approval)

Third (Fall) semester:
- Select elective courses (non-ECON classes require Graduate Director approval)
- Complete “Program of Study” and submit form to Grad School.
- Select thesis topic and advisor and begin thesis research

Fourth (Spring) semester:
- Complete elective courses.
- Complete and defend thesis. Defense should be scheduled no later than April.
- Complete “Notice of Completion” and
- Apply for graduation.
In order to graduate, all program requirements must be met as specified in the previous sections. For theses, in addition to the “Notice of Completion,” the Advisor must submit the “Final Review Approval.” Graduating students must meet all the required Graduate School dates. Students wishing to graduate must also purchase an application for graduation from the Office of Admissions and Records and submit it to his/her Advisor. Applications for graduation must be submitted to the Graduate School by October for December graduation and January for May graduation (contact the Graduate School for exact dates). The application includes the date of graduation, and the approval of the dissertation committee Chair and the Graduate Dean. An applicant who does not complete all degree requirements by the specified deadline must update and resubmit an application for graduation during the next appropriate filing period.

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RECENT GRADUATES – ECONOMICS

PhD Economics (4)
Karl Geisler (2013)
Joseph Crouse (2014)
Rattaphon Wuthisatian (2015)
Amanda Safford (2015)

MS Economics (18)
Frank Avera (2012)
Nick Bertrando (2015)
Tiana Bowlen (2010)
Richard Cartier (2012)
Ben Colton (2010)
Leandra Copeland (2011)
Adam Davis (2012)
Paul Dotto (2010)
Xuning Endicott (2015)
Darryl Hinden (2013)
Alexis Irion (2015)
Natasha Majewski (2012)
Atlas Malaekheh (2013)
Grace Morris (2013)
David Oxborrow (2010)
Nicholas Saxon (2013)
Tim Wilcox (2012)
Hank Will (2012)
Sam Wray (2013)

MA Economics (6)
Cameron Belt (2015)
Dusty Casey (2013)
Shirley Diaz (2013)
Chris Goolsbee (2013)
David Maine (2014)
Sandra Montalvo Hernandez (2011)

DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

The Department of Economics is located in the College of Business in the Ansari Business Building. The College houses the State Demographer, the Small Business Development Center, The Center for Economic Development, The Center for Entrepreneurship, and two student computer labs.
Each faculty member and graduate student on an assistantship has a mailbox in the Department Office, AB 318. Mailboxes should be checked regularly for correspondence. Graduate assistants are assigned office space in AB 402. This is a shared space and use of this space and its computers is contingent upon meeting a number of conditions, and not engaging in behavior that could prove unpleasant or distracting to other students or affect the smooth running of the facility. No eating, drinking or smoking is allowed in the room. Clean up after working on computers or desks. Consideration of fellow students is not only polite, it is required.

AFFILIATED CAMPUSS FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

The University library (Knowledge Center) is the largest in the state, with more than 861,000 volumes, 6,000 current periodical subscriptions, 2.5 million pieces of microform and more than 50 CD-ROM reference data bases. In addition, it receives almost all federal documents, publications from state agencies, and from many international organizations. Branch libraries include engineering, mines, physical sciences, life and health sciences, medicine, and the atmospheric sciences collection of the Desert Research Institute. Other library departments include computerized information services in more than 300 data bases, interlibrary loans, an audio/visual learning laboratory and a film and videotape library with more that 4,500 titles. In addition the 70,000-volume law library of the National Judicial College is also located on campus.

A number of departments, programs, and institutions are affiliated with the Department's graduate program. Examples of these include: geography, political science, mathematics, psychology, social psychology, finance, and information systems.

SEMESTER CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT

All graduate students must register for credits during each fall and spring semester they are in the graduate program. The Graduate School requires students without assistantship (RAs or TAs) to register for a minimum of three (3) graduate credits each fall and spring semester until graduation. Students employed as graduate assistants must be enrolled in at least six (6) graduate credits, and they must maintain this registration throughout the assistantship period. Grants-in-Aid for assistantships are now capped at nine (9) credits per semester. Students who register for nine (9) graduate credits or more in a semester are considered full-time. For graduate assistants, six (6) graduate credits or more constitute full-time.

If you are unable to take courses, you must apply for a Leave of Absence using the appropriate form, available on the Graduate School web site. Many students who are completing their dissertations/theses, but don’t wish to take a course with regular meeting hours, will enroll in Thesis or Dissertation credits; a minimum of three (3) are required per semester, and six (6), if you continue on an assistantship. Beginning Fall 2013, a $60 fee will be assessed for Reinstatement to Graduate Standing.