Gain the professional knowledge and skills necessary for a career in the discipline of ECONOMICS.


In any given year, research in a specialised area is subject to availability of an interested academic.

**Careers for economists**

The careers available to economists are challenging and dynamic, more so in the present environment of globalisation. Typical careers and the day-to-day work of economists include:

1. **ECONOMISTS IN BANKING AND FINANCIAL MARKETS**
   - Fund managers, stock brokers, investment bankers, economic trend and policy analysts, forecasters, dealers in the treasury departments of financial institutions, specialists in financial services, dealers in international financial markets

2. **ECONOMISTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR**
   - **Department of Finance:**
     - National and provincial budget formulation, fiscal policy formulation and analysis, public debt management, economic advisory services
   - **Quasi Government Institutions:**
     - Research and project management in institutions such as the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), the Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC), the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), the Competition Commission of South Africa, the Land and Agricultural Development Bank of South Africa (Land Bank) and regional development agencies
   - **Department of Trade and Industry:**
     - Formulation of trade and industrial policy, agreement cooperation and trade negotiation through the World Trade Organization (WTO) and between different countries, implementation of input-output studies, management and coordination of economic development projects and private-public partnerships
   - **Economic Development Department and National Planning Commission:**
     - Formulation of economic policy such as the National Infrastructure Plan (NIP), the New Growth Path (NGP) and the National Development Plan (NDP), creation of employment policies and coordination of Government’s economic development policies
   - **South African Reserve Bank:**
     - Monetary and financial policy formulation, macroeconomic modelling, financial regulation and banking supervision

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMISTS**
   - Economic impact studies, cost-benefit analysis, policy formulation for the sustainable use of resources and the protection of the environment, contribution to environmental impact analysis

4. **INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**
   - Economic integration, international investment, involvement in issues of the WTO and activities of international development institutions such as the World Bank

5. **ECONOMIC CONSULTANTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR**
   - Economic advisors, evaluators of feasibility studies, economic policy analysts, forecasters

6. **DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR ECONOMISTS**
   - Specialised dealings with socio-economic issues and growth and development research, management of development agencies, local economic development (LED) institutions, civil society, trade unions and nonprofit organisations (NGOs)

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Honours degrees in Economics:

Bachelor of Commerce (1701)
Bachelor of Economics (1781)
Bachelor of Administration (1711)

Offered full-time only

The duration of the curriculum for the full-time programme is one year. A student must obtain 120 credits in courses selected in collaboration with the Department. All modules have a weight of 15 credits each, except for the Research Project that is weighted 30 credits.

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The Research Project course is a one-year course. Students are provided with a list of topics from which to choose a topic/area of interest. A supervisor is then assigned to guide the student in the research and writing.

Admission Requirements:

Undergraduate Degree Majoring in Economics

Students of UWC choosing an Economics stream in B.Com/B.Econ/B. Admin Honours should have obtained at least a 60% average or 60% in each of the core areas of Economics (Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics) in the final year of their undergraduate studies.

External students choosing an Economics stream in B.Com/B.Econ/B. Admin Honours should have obtained at least a 65% average or 65% in each of the core areas of Economics (Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics)

International students must have a valid study permit, SAQA accreditation of their certificates and an IELTS certificate. International students are required to pay the full fees of the programme upon registration.

Acceptance is based on academic performance only and not on work related experience.

Master's degrees in Economics:

Master of Commerce (1801)
Master of Economics (1871)

Offered by full thesis only - full-time or part-time

The Department no longer offers the Master's programme by coursework. The Master's programme is by full thesis.

Master's Full Thesis

The duration of the curriculum for the full-thesis programme is one to three years. Each subsequent year is subject to an approved progress report from the supervisor.

Because only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants are subject to a selection procedure.

The student must obtain 180 credits.

ECO 801 Economics Mag Thesis 1st enrolment
ECO 802 Economics Mag Thesis 2nd enrolment

Admission Requirements:

Honours Degree in Economics

Students of UWC choosing the stream in M.Com Thesis or M.Econ Thesis in Economics should have obtained at least a 60% average or 60% in each of the core areas of Economics, namely Research Project, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics.

External students choosing the stream in M.Com Thesis or M.Econ Thesis in Economics should have obtained at least a 65% average or 65% in each of the core areas of Economics, namely Research Project, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics.
International students must have a valid study permit, SAQA accreditation of their certificates and an IELTS certificate. International students are required to pay the full fees of the programme upon initial registration. Thereafter and subject to approval by the supervisor, only the annual registration fee is paid.

During the first semester, a COLLOQUIUM is arranged for the new Master’s students to present their proposals.

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Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics:

Doctor of Philosophy PhD (1921)
Offered by full thesis only

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Full Thesis
The duration of the curriculum for the full-thesis programme is three to five years. Each subsequent year is subject to an approved progress report from the supervisor.

Since only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants are subject to a selection process.

A student must obtain 360 credits.

ECO 901 Economics Doctoral Thesis 901 (1st enrolment)
ECO 902 Economics Doctoral Thesis 902 (2nd enrolment)

Admission Requirements:

Master’s degree in Economics
Students of UWC choosing the doctoral stream in Economics should have obtained at least 65% in the mini-thesis/full thesis/dissertation and an average of 65% in the core areas of Economics of his/her Master’s degree, namely Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics.

External students choosing the doctoral stream in Economics should have obtained at least 65% in the mini-thesis/full thesis/dissertation and an average of 65% in the core areas of Economics of his/her Master’s degree, namely Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics.

Approval is subject to fulfilment of the academic requirements indicated above, or the discretion of the Selection Committee, and depends upon the research topic and proposal being within the field of interest of a suitable and available supervisor/academic in the Department.

International students must have a valid study permit, SAQA accreditation of their certificates and an IELTS certificate.

International students are required to pay the full fees of the programme upon initial registration. Thereafter and subject to approval by the supervisor, only the annual registration fee is paid.

During the first semester, a COLLOQUIUM is arranged for the new PhD students to present their proposals.

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