

Economics



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Emory's doctoral program in Economics puts students on the "intellectual frontier" by introducing them to the leading-edge theories and techniques in the Economics profession. With this training, students can actively investigate research questions of particular interest and importance. Our graduates are well prepared for careers as productive scholars and effective teachers at colleges and universities, as well as research positions in government, research organizations, and industry.

The hallmark of our program is close interaction between faculty and students. Classes are small and interactive, and students have the opportunity to obtain a deep understanding of the material presented in class. Many students write research papers with the faculty, and in some cases this work develops into part of the dissertation. Other joint work stands alone, and is submitted to academic journals for publication. Our graduate students have recently had their papers accepted for publication in top economics journals, including *American Economic Review*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, *Journal of Economics Behavior and Organization*, and *Eastern Economic Journal*. They also present their research at prestigious academic conferences.

The Economics program is a vibrant intellectual community. We conduct lunch discussion groups in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Econometrics, Professionalization, and Pedagogy for faculty and students to discuss research questions in an informal forum. Our weekly research seminar series brings faculty, graduate students, and others together for formal presentations. Presenters include distinguished economists from a wide variety of fields.

These weekly seminars are also occasions for our own faculty and students to present work, ranging from joint faculty-student projects to dissertation proposal defenses. The economics department is home to two academic journals: *Econometric Reviews* and *Managerial and Decision Economics*.

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Curriculum

Students typically complete the program in 4–6 years. Our curriculum is designed to provide each student with a firm background in the major sub-fields of Economics, as well as to allow each student to develop and complete a substantial research contribution.

During the first year, students take courses that provide a fundamental knowledge base in three areas—Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics. After the first year of coursework is completed, students take core exams in each of these areas to demonstrate a mastery of each of these core subjects. This process allows students to establish a grounding in Economics and move on to developing their own specific research interests as soon as possible.

In their second year, students are assigned a faculty committee to help them choose elective courses and to write a field paper. Field papers are a “warm-up” for the dissertation: developed, researched and written in combination with some required and elective coursework, they allow students to develop a specialty in a particular research area. We strongly encourage students to submit their field papers to scholarly journals for review. Students will also begin to form relationships with the faculty and develop advanced research skills through work as Research Assistants.

Students move from their field paper to developing and defending a dissertation proposal. This typically occurs in their fourth year of study. Once the proposal is completed, the student continues to research until completing the dissertation. An oral defense of the dissertation completes the doctoral degree.



Our Students

Our program has a relatively small and close-knit student community. Generally, 20–30 students are enrolled at any one time, with approximately 6 new students entering the program each year.

Students are able to explore a variety of research interests in our program. Some recent dissertation topics include:

- Three Essays in Financial Market Prediction
- What We Know or Do Not Know About the Elasticity of Substitution: Four Essays on Growth Theory
- Essays on Consumer Preferences and Asset Pricing
- Total Factor Productivity in Indian Manufacturing: Evidence from a Firm-Level Study
- Affect in Markets: Experimental Evidence
- Roles of Firm Characteristics in Firm-Government Interaction: Evidence from International Micro Data
- Special Interest Groups Campaign Contributions in the State Judicial Elections
- Better In or Out? Assessing the Impact of the European Monetary Union on Cross-Country Price Convergence, Foreign Direct Investment, and Foreign Portfolio Investment.
- Measuring Hospital Performance Using Multi-Product Stochastic Cost Frontier Analysis in Florid Hospitals

Our graduates are prepared to enter the economics job market in both academic and industry positions. A few of the recent job placements for our students include:

- Assistant Professors at University of Richmond, Oxford College, San Diego State University, Clemson University, Deakin University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, and Georgia Tech College of Management
- Visiting Scholar at the Bundesbank in Berlin, Germany
- Director of the Department of Credit and Risk Management, and Associate Policy Advisor and Research Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- Operations Research Analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense
- Financial Economist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Credit Risk Analysis Division
- Senior Associates at Deloitte and Touche, Ernst and Young, and Analysis, Inc.
- Quantitative Strategist at OTA Asset Management



Our Faculty

Our faculty is accomplished and diverse, working in core fields of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics; in established fields of Law and Economics, Health Economics, Financial Economics, Industrial Organization, Public Economics, Labor Economics, and International Trade; and areas beyond the traditional boundaries of economics such as Neuroeconomics, Social Economics, and Experimental Economics. We are working to expand our faculty in the areas of International Economics and Growth and Development.

A recent study published by the Southern Economic Journal ranked the Economics Departments by fields of expertise. Emory ranked 13 in Law and Economics and 21 in General Economics and Teaching. See Grijalva, T. and C. Nowell (Southern Economic Journal, 2008, 74 (4), 971-996).

Our website has a list of our faculty, with links to individual pages containing information about research interests and publications. Economics faculty members are energetic researchers who publish regularly in distinguished economics journals.

Our Family

The Economics community at Emory is energetic and close-knit. We foster a spirit of collegiality and work-life balance through personal interactions in and out of the office. Our department has an active soccer team “Optimizers”, and we gather periodically for on and off campus activities. We work hard, but have fun as well.

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