MS ECONOMICS 2017-18

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WHY MS ECONOMICS AT MGS HSS?

- A rigorous programme with 23 full-time PhD faculty members from renowned international universities.
- Repository of 126+ large data sets available to fast-track graduate research.
- Core and elective courses with real-life applications are taught.
- Knowledge of theoretical and empirical approaches to economics.
- From core courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics, mathematics and statistics to electives, MS Economics offers a variety of modules.
- Economics students gain employment within three months of graduation.
- Students gain knowledge of both local and global issues relating to economics.

ABOUT MS ECONOMICS

- The MS Economics Programme has been designed to set a new standard in graduate level economics education in the country that meets international standards and rigorously trains students to conduct applied economics research.
- The Department of Economics offers two tracks: the MS Economics (1.5 year) and the MS Economics (2.5 year) programme.
- The programme provides strong grounding in theory and application, and is based upon a rigorous curriculum consisting of core and elective courses with the option of a Master’s thesis.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- The MS Economics programme trains students to pursue careers in Economics and its sub-disciplines.
- Prepares students for doctoral studies in Economics, Public Policy and other sub-disciplines.
- The MS Economics degree opens up careers in the development sector, as professional economists in the public sector, careers in banking and finance, as data analysts in the public and private sector and education as well as research.

RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS

As part of the degree requirements, students are encouraged to write a Thesis of one-year duration. Moreover, there are mandatory research projects in some of the core and elective courses. To facilitate student research, the Data Resource Unit (DRU) of the Department of Economics maintains a repository of more than 126 large data sets available in SPSS or STATA formats (http://dru.lums.edu.pk/). Moreover, computational support is also available from DRU.

FACULTY

The Department of Economics boasts 23 full-time PhD faculty members from renowned universities around the world.

“An academically rigorous programme with a diverse mix of faculty members. The programme prepares the students to easily secure admissions in doctorate programmes abroad. At the same time, the department imparts practical knowledge to students, which helps our students secure jobs in various fields like Banking, Research and Development.”

Syed Muhammad Hussain
Assistant Professor
Department of Economics

"MS Economics was a very empowering training which gave me the confidence to compete and perform globally at the very top. Through the programme, I also got selected to participate in international economics conferences in India, Cairo, Copenhagen and Lindiwa, where I interacted with Nobel Laureates and some of the biggest names in economics and finance. LUMS itself is an exceptional institution which provides training in critical analysis and independent thinking, under the tutelage of a faculty who personally nurture students and give them the confidence to think, reason, question, argue, research, connect and develop.”

Mohammad Ali Farid Khawaja
MS Economics 2004
Partner, Autonomous Research, London

"The MS programme taught me how to evaluate situations through critical thinking, technical and soft skills that I needed to succeed in life. The degree was instrumental in allowing me to find my path to success. My peers came from diverse backgrounds and each followed a unique path and the MS Economics Programme helped unite us and inspire each other.”

Muneera Mehmood Alam
MS Economics 2006
Economist, Transport and ICT Global Practice, World Bank, Washington, DC.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Record

- Sixteen years (16) of education resulting in a Master’s or a four (4) year Bachelor’s degree recognised by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan
- Bachelor’s degree from an international university recognised by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan as equivalent to 16 years of education

Note: Candidates, who have degrees from institutions not listed with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan will be required to get an equivalence certificate from the HEC. For further information, please visit: www.hec.gov.pk

Performance in the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General

- Valid test scores of GRE (General). No other admission test score will be considered valid

Note: Applicants need to take the GRE through the Educational Testing Service (ETS), USA. The GRE scores must be officially reported to LUMS by the testing agency. The college code for reporting GRE (General) scores to LUMS is 0679.
- GRE (General) taken five years before the admission deadline will not be considered valid

Letters of Recommendation

- Two letters of recommendation

Note: Applicants with insufficient training in Economics, Mathematics, Statistics or Econometrics are strongly advised to apply for the MS Economics (2.5 year Programme). The final decision regarding eligibility for the MS Economics - 1.5 year or MS Economics - 2.5 year Programme will be taken by the MS Economics Admissions Committee.

ADMISSION CALENDAR

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