# **Virtual Information Session**

MAECON Program and

Graduate Certificates



# Welcome!



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# Before we begin...

### Ask Questions!

This information session is for you. So feel free to type your questions at any time. Our team will answer them in the chat window.











# Why a Bryan School MA in Applied Economics?

In a class all its own

Success after graduation

Broad range of career options

Low cost, high value



# In a class all its own

The only *fully online* MA in Applied Economics program in North Carolina

A program goes beyond the standard data analytics program. We provide graduates with a unique combination of economic theory, policy analysis, and data analysis skills.

Our graduates identify real-world problems, understand the nature and context of those problems, and use their training to solve those problems.



### **Success after Graduation**





50% of students have job offers before graduation

> 90% have accepted jobs in their field within 3 months of graduation

Earnings average 30% more than an undergraduate in Economics

# Where are our alumni?

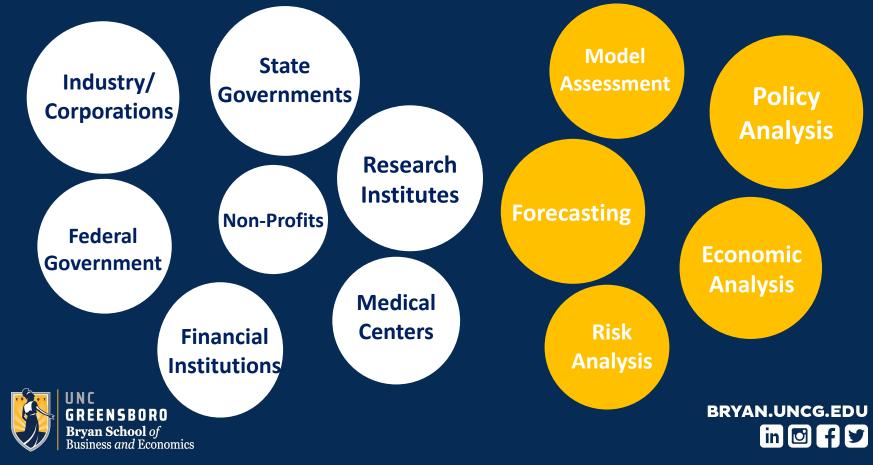
- Health Economic Analyst Lockheed Martin
- Economic/Financial Modeling Specialist Freddie Mac
- Associate Research Analyst Center for Naval Analyses
- Risk Analyst BB&T
- Economic Advisor World Leadership Survey Project



- Statistics Programmer SynteractHCR, Inc.
- Manager, Operational Analytics & Reporting Goodwill Industries International Inc.
- Quantitative Specialist Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- Policy Analyst North Carolina Department of Commerce
- Data Analyst Luxottica Group S.p.A.



# **Broad Range of Career Options**



# Low cost, high value

ECON Program (Online)	Full Time		Part Time	
	Estimated	Per Credit	Estimated	Per Credit
	Program Cost	Hour	Program Cost	Hour
In-State	\$11,000	\$366.67	\$12,000	\$400.00
Outside-of-NC	\$19,000	\$633.33	\$21,000	\$700.00
Out-of-State	\$32,500	\$1,083.33	\$35,500	\$1,183.33
	Assumes 30 credit hours of full-time study for 1 ½ years.		Assumes 30 credit hours of part-time study for 2 ½ years.	

One of the most **cost effective** programs in the country







# **Program Specifics**

### Hands-on, real-world training

### Collaborative environment

Flexibility

Curriculum



# Hands-on, real world training

- Hands-on work analyzing large data sets
- Instruction and use of the same software most frequently used by Fortune 500 companies and financial institutions





# **Collaborative environment**

- Small class sizes
- Faculty interactions
- Applied data and policy analysis

- Faculty expertise in a variety of areas:
  - Environmental, Health, & Labor Economics
  - Economics of Education and the Public Sector
  - Program Evaluation
  - Technology/Innovation Policy
  - Banking, Macroeconomics & Financial Economics



# **Flexibility**

• Enter the MA program directly or start with a stackable certificate. Available certificates include:

- Economics of Health Analytics
- Quantitative Business Economics
- Full-time and Part-time options
- Complete with a data analytics concentration



# **MA Program Curriculum**

#### Graduate-Level Curriculum Total (30 Credit Hours – Full Time & Part Time Options)

#### Core Knowledge Coursework (12 Credit Hours)

- ECO 641 Microeconomics I
- ECO 643 Econometrics
- ECO 646 Macroeconomics

#### Data Methods (3 Credit Hours)

• ECO 625 Data Methods in Economics

#### Policy Analysis (3 Credit Hours)

• ECO 631 Applied Policy Methods



Also includes E-Portfolio & Bryan Briefcase

#### Master's Electives (12 Credit Hours)

- ECO 630 Introduction to Cost Effectiveness
- ECO 637 Empirical Health Economics
- ISM 645 Principles of Predictive Analytics
- ECO 664 Time Series and Forecasting
- ECO 691 Economics Internship
- ECO 657 Managerial Economics
- ECO 613 Directed Studies in Economics

# **Certificate Stacking**

#### First Certificate (12 Credit Hours)

Second Certificate (9 Additional Credit Hours) Core Coursework (12 Credit Hours)

- ECO 641 Microeconomics I
- ECO 643 Econometrics
- ECO 646 Macroeconomics

## = MA in Applied Economics Degree



# **Certificate in Economics of Health Analytics**

### Required Curriculum (12 Credit Hours)

- ECO 625 Data Methods in Economics (Fall)
- ECO 630 Introduction to Cost Effectiveness (Spring)
- ECO 631 Applied Policy Methods (Spring)
- ECO 637 Empirical Health Economics (Fall)

Residency	Estimated Program Cost	Per Credit Hour
In-State	\$5,000	\$416.67
Outside-of-NC	\$8,500	\$708.33
Out-of-State	\$14,000	\$1,166.67
	Assumes 12 credit hours of part-time study for 1 year.	





# **Certificate in Quantitative Business Economics**

Required Curriculum (12 Credit Hours)

- ECO 625 Data Methods in Economics (Fall)
- ISM 645 Principles of Predictive Analytics (Fall)
- ECO 664 Time Series and Forecasting (Spring)
- ECO 657 Managerial Economics (Spring)

Residency	Estimated Program Cost	Per Credit Hour
In-State	\$5,000	\$416.67
Outside-of-NC	\$9,000	\$750.00
Out-of-State	\$14,500	\$1,208.33
	Assumes 12 credit hours of part-time study for 1 year.	





# **Continuing Beyond the Master's Program**

#### **PhD in Economics**

Curriculum is 45-72 credit hours\* On-campus and fully online options Fall term admission

\*depending on Master's coursework



Contact <u>economics@uncg.edu</u> for more information.





# **Student/Alumni Perspective**

### **Graduate Student Ambassadors**



Nick Loflin inloflin@uncg.edu



Tricia Smith tasmith11@uncg.edu



Jim Wuwert jdwuwert@uncg.edu

### **Alumni Ambassadors**



**Derek Mobley** 

2010 - MA in Applied Economics <u>derektmobley@gmail.com</u>



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**David Jolley** 

1976 - MA in Applied Economics <u>djolley@allenewing.com</u>







## **Career Resources**

Employer connection events
One-on-one career coaching meetings
Job & internship search
Resume & cover letter development

- Interview preparation
- Networking tips









## **Admission Process**

Admission Requirements Application Documents Application Deadlines

**Financial Information** 



# **Admission Requirements for MA**

Non-economics majors are welcome to apply

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution plus any <u>one</u> of the following:
  - Cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher on your bachelor's transcript, or
  - Acceptable GMAT or GRE test scores, or
  - A graduate certificate in economics from UNC Greensboro



# **GRE/GMAT** Waivers for MA

- The GRE/GMAT test score admission requirement may be waived if you meet either ONE of the criteria listed below. Waivers are requested through your online application.
  - Transcripts include an earned graduate certificate in an economic topic conferred from UNC Greensboro
  - Applicant has at least a 3.0 (out of 4.0) overall bachelor's degree GPA from a regionally accredited institution



# **Application Documents**

Documents	Certificates	MA in Applied Economics	
Personal Statement	Required	Required	
Transcripts	All previous institutions	All previous institutions	
GRE/GMAT Scores	None	Required Waiver available if overall GPA at least 3.0 or have graduate economics certificate from UNCG	N
Recommendations	None	Three required	,
Application Fee	\$65	\$65	/

APPLICATION DEADLINES Spring 2024: lovember 15 Fall 2024: arch 1, *priority* May 15, final plications are eviewed on a rolling basis



Start your application at www.uncg.edu/grs

# **Financial Information**

### **Scholarships**

- Limited and highly competitive
- Priority is given to those that apply by March 1
- All admitted applicants are considered

NOTE: Scholarship decisions are made separately from admissions decisions, and there is no set timeline for award notifications.

#### Financial Aid (US Citizens Only)

- Aid eligibility based on enrollment status
- Must complete FAFSA, most admitted students are eligible for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
- Visit <u>fia.uncg.edu</u>

### **Payment Plans**

- Monthly payment option
   Deposit + monthly installments
- Visit <u>csh.uncg.edu</u>

To learn more about how current Bryan School students are paying for their graduate education, register to attend one of our monthly Finance & Funding Webinars at **<u>go.uncg.edu/bryangrad</u>**.



# Not Sure Yet?

### **Bryan Prelude Program**

3 credit hours towards certificate or 9 credit hours towards master's program

#### **Easy Application Process:**

- Undergraduate Transcript
- Personal Statement
- Current Resume









# **Contact Us**



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