

Master of Science in

ECONOMICS AND POLICY

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If you are passionate about discovering new ways of tackling today's complex economic, social and business challenges while deepening your critical and analytical skills, then the Master of Science in Economics and Policy (MSEP) at American University of Sharjah (AUS) could be for you. Our program can help you gain the skills and perspectives you need to grow professionally and stand out as a leader and changemaker.

The MSEP integrates mutually supportive strands of knowledge and skills in economic theory, policy evaluation and data analysis. Distinctly applied and regionally recognized, the MSEP nurtures competitive competencies critical for a diversified knowledge economy. Graduates apply analytical and critical thinking skills to understand global trends and develop data-informed decisions and policies that address domestic challenges.

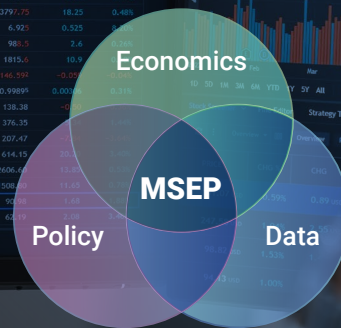
MSEP graduates compete globally for a range of high-value positions, such as economists, consultants, data and business analysts, and policy advisors in non-profit organizations, government and the corporate world. In addition, MSEP degree holders possess solid academic preparation should they wish to pursue doctoral studies in economics or related fields.

Why Study Economics and Policy at AUS?

- According to QS World University Rankings (2025), AUS is ranked number #1 (tie) in the UAE and among the top 400 globally in economics and econometrics. Graduates who have studied undergraduate economics at AUS are a top choice for employers in the UAE.
- MSEP students have many opportunities to engage in research with faculty. Our faculty are active researchers who regularly publish in reputable journals and receive competitive research funding.
- Faculty scholarly activity is diverse, covering many economic fields including development, labor, migration, security and conflict, real estate, international trade, forecasting, and behavioral, experimental and environmental economics.

Learning Outcomes

- Advanced understanding of economic theory and policy
- In-depth applied knowledge in micro- and macro-based fields
- Exceptional data analysis skills
- Strong training in independent research and reporting



Graduate Assistantships and Support

- AUS offers competitive graduate assistantships and work-study opportunities to qualified students for up to four semesters.
- Every MSEP student will have access to a dedicated advisor who provides academic support and guidance. AUS offers a range of services to help students prepare for career advancement or transition.

Course Timings and Program Duration

- Study can be full-time or part-time, with a maximum of three courses per semester.
- Classes typically run between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to accommodate working students.
- The typical program completion duration (for full-time students) is four regular semesters.

Admission to MSEP

- Applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (2.5 if they have a stronger academic performance in the junior and senior years).
- Applicants do not need a bachelor's degree in economics but are expected to have a good performance record in undergraduate economics, calculus and quantitative methods.
- Students can only start the program in the fall semester.

The MSEP Curriculum

The MSEP is earned by completing 30 credit hours (eight courses and a supervised thesis) with an overall GPA of 3.0.

Required Courses

- ECO 601** Microeconomics
- ECO 602** Macroeconomics
- ECO 603** Applied Econometrics I
- ECO 604** Contemporary Issues and Economic Policy
- ECO 606** Applied Econometrics II
- ECO 699** Master's Thesis in Economics

MSEP Electives

Any three courses from the following:

- ECO 605** Time Series Analysis and Forecasting
- ECO 607** Behavioral Economics and Policy Design
- ECO 608** Money, Banking and Financial Markets
- ECO 609** Market Power and Competition Policy
- ECO 610** Poverty, Inequality and Development
- ECO 611** Economics of Sustainability and Resource Use
- ECO 612** Economics of Agglomeration, Real Estate and Urban Development

Contact Us

- For application requirements, please see www.aus.edu/ms-acr.
 - The proposed sequence of study and graduation requirements can be found at www.aus.edu/sba/msep.
 - For grants and scholarships, please visit www.aus.edu/admissions/financial-grants-and-scholarships.
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