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The Department of Economics is committed to promoting excellence in broad-based undergraduate programs; graduate and interdisciplinary doctoral education; research; and community, university and professional service. The department focuses its research, teaching and service efforts on the urban mission of the University by fostering a diversity of research and teaching perspectives for faculty and students.

Our Students

The department offers programs leading to a Bachelor of Arts, Master's of Arts and Interdisciplinary Ph.D., in Economics. It also provides undergraduate service courses to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), the Bloch School, and the School of Science and Engineering. Undergraduate majors participate in a variety of visiting lecture programs and faculty colloquialism through the Economics Club and the Omicron Delta Epsilon (the economics honorary society).

Faculty and Facilities

Faculty members of the department maintain active, extensive research programs and a strong commitment to teaching – holding four outstanding teaching awards. Faculty members have served as presidents for national and regional economic associations and lectured and conducted research

in the Fulbright Program, the Ford Foundation, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Department of Labor. Faculty members have established national and international reputations in a number of research fields. For a small faculty, the department has ranked high among other economics departments at comparable institutions nationally.

The Department of Economics and the Center for Economic Information are housed in Haag Hall. Faculty and other department programs are housed in Manheim Hall. Students have access to state-of-the-art computer labs and classrooms.

Center for Economic Information

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The Center for Economic Information (CEI) was established in November 1994 with the goal of making local, regional and national information accessible to economic decision-makers in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The CEI is affiliated with the Department of Economics and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS).

The center is involved in research, teaching and outreach activities. The primary expertise of the center is in application of information technology for economic analysis.

You may request information about economics programs by calling the department's main number, (816) 235-1314; visiting the website at <https://cas.umkc.edu/economics/>; or sending an information request via email to economics@umkc.edu.

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Bachelor of Arts: Economics

Minor:

Minor in Economics

Graduate Graduate Programs:

- Master of Arts: Economics
- Interdisciplinary Ph.D.