**Faculty, Fields of Interest**


- **Donald Bruce** – Public Economics, Taxation, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics
- **Celeste Carruthers** – Economics of Education, Public Economics, Antitrust Economics
- **Don Clark** – International Economics, Growth and Development, Marketing & Logistics, Health Economics
- **William Fox** – Public Economics, Taxation, State and Local Public Finance
- **Jean Gauger** – Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics
- **Scott Gilpatrick** – Microeconomics, Industrial Organization, Behavioral Economics
- **Matthew Harris** – Labor Economics, Heath Economics
- **Scott Holladay** – International Trade, Environmental Economics
- **Luiz Renato Lima** – Forecasting, Quantile Regression, Applied Econometrics
- **Mohammad Mohsin** – Macroeconomics, International Economics, Time Series Econometrics
- **Matthew Murray** – State and Local Taxation, Tax Compliance, Education, Economic Development
- **William Neilson** – Microeconomic Theory, Behavioral Economics
- **Rudy Santore** – Industrial Organization, Law and Economics, Public Economics
- **Georg Schauer** – International Trade, Applied Econometrics
- **Charles Sims** – Environmental and Resource Economics, Risk and Uncertainty, Dynamic Economic Systems
- **Christian Vossler** – Environmental, Public, and Experimental Economics; Applied Econometrics
- **Marianne Wanamaker** – Labor Economics, Economic History

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**Graduate Studies in Economics**

The Department of Economics at the University of Tennessee offers graduate programs leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. Our graduate students are a source of pride to the Department. While the program is demanding, we admit only students who we believe can complete it successfully. Teaching graduate courses and working closely with graduate students is essential to the professional development of the faculty. In turn, the program provides excellent preparation for aspiring economists. Nearly all graduates are employed upon graduation, with placements in academia, government, and the private sector.

Two defining themes of our Department are collegiality and a devotion to teaching and research. Professors are committed to helping graduate students succeed, regularly publish research with current students and graduates, and many have an “open door” policy. Faculty members publish in leading academic journals, edit journals in a variety of fields, and regularly win significant research grants. The Department runs two seminar series. The first is the Brown Bag Research Workshop, which showcases emerging research from faculty and graduate students. The second is the Greer Seminar Series, which features prominent faculty from other institutions. Affiliated centers include the Center for Business and Economic Research and the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy. The Department has an experimental economics laboratory.
Admissions

Admission to the MA and PhD programs is based on promise of outstanding scholarship as demonstrated by previous academic performance, by scores achieved on the general portion of the GRE, and by letters of recommendation.

 Quantitative skills are critical for success in the program. Prospective students should complete courses in intermediate micro and macro theory, calculus, linear algebra, and econometrics. Additional coursework in advanced economic theory, econometrics, mathematics and statistics is strongly encouraged.

 Prospective students submit application materials online through the Graduate School website. The deadline for international student applicants is February 1, and it is highly recommended that domestic students apply by this date. Given the timing of course offerings, students are considered for fall admission only.

Assistantships, Fellowships and Scholarships

Applicants are automatically considered for assistantships and scholarships. Initial awards are competitive and based on prior academic performance, letters of recommendation, and GRE scores. Assistantships include a tuition waiver and student health insurance. Most assistantships and scholarships are awarded for up to five years, conditional on satisfactory progress.

The Department currently awards six fellowships to continuing students, based on academic, research and/or teaching performance.

Various assistantships, fellowships and scholarships are offered by the Haslam College of Business and the Graduate School. See the Graduate School website for more information.

Doctoral Program

The PhD program requires a minimum of 48 hours of coursework beyond the bachelor’s degree or 24 hours beyond the master’s degree, and at least 24 hours of Doctoral Research and Dissertation. Students must pass qualifying examination in macro and micro theory following the first year of coursework. Among the coursework requirements, students must successfully complete two fields of specialization, which currently include: behavioral & experimental economics, environmental economics, industrial organization, international economics, and public finance. The interests of the faculty and students go beyond these fields, however, and in recent years students have also written dissertations in econometrics, education, labor, and macroeconomics. Students are further encouraged to complete teaching and writing courses offered through the College.

Second-Year Research Paper: To begin the transition from taking classes to doing original research, students must complete a satisfactory second-year research paper. Students are expected to begin work on their research paper as early as possible, and are encouraged to work closely with one or more faculty members. This requirement is an important step in the professional development of our students.

Dissertation: A dissertation, the culmination of years of graduate study, is a unique, meaningful contribution to the body of human knowledge. Students work closely with faculty and advisers as their research progresses, and should present their work in Brown Bag and/or Greer seminar series. As one of their final program requirements, students must defend a completed doctoral dissertation before the faculty.

Time to Completion: Most students complete the degree in five years, although in some cases the degree has been completed in three or four years.

MA Program

The MA program requires 30 hours of coursework at the 400 level or above, including 24 hours at the 500 level or above. Additional distributional requirements apply. MA students may pursue a thesis or non-thesis option. Non-thesis students must pass a qualifying examination in either microeconomics or macroeconomics. Thesis students, under the advisement of a committee of faculty members, will complete and defend a meaningful research paper. A minor in Environmental Policy is available.

Time to Completion: Time to completion is commonly 1-1/2 years for non-thesis students and 2 years for the thesis option.