

Ahmedabad  
University

# MASTER OF ARTS ECONOMICS

The MA Economics programme is designed for students who are looking to learn how to address complex questions through a deep understanding of economic theory and its application through rigorous data analysis. It provides training in applying economic models and tools to the changing needs of corporates, the financial sector and policy institutions.

Economists today have to be equipped with interdisciplinary skills to address problems in the society and economy. Students will be trained in theory and data analytics to critically analyze and evaluate real world problems in micro and macro contexts concerning human and firm behavior in the domains of finance, industrial organization, education, health and environment.



With a rigorous exposure to advanced economics concepts, the student can start a career as an analytical economist in corporate or policy organizations, look for opportunities in finance, or pursue doctoral education. The programme provides an opportunity to develop expertise in financial economics with a pedagogy that integrates data analytics with modern behavioural and institutional aspects of finance.

Our two years Masters programme builds skills in data sciences, analytics and technology along with courses at the frontier of economics and research therein. Our unique Studio Courses and Internship program offer exclusive problem solving experience and deep engagement with industry. Faculty with extensive research and practical experience in economics, finance, data analytics and public policy deliver these courses, imparting skills that guarantee employment in industry, government, think-tanks and academia. The programme maintains a high faculty to student ratio enabling easy student mentoring by both faculty and the career development cell.

To foster continuous progress of self and society.

# MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS



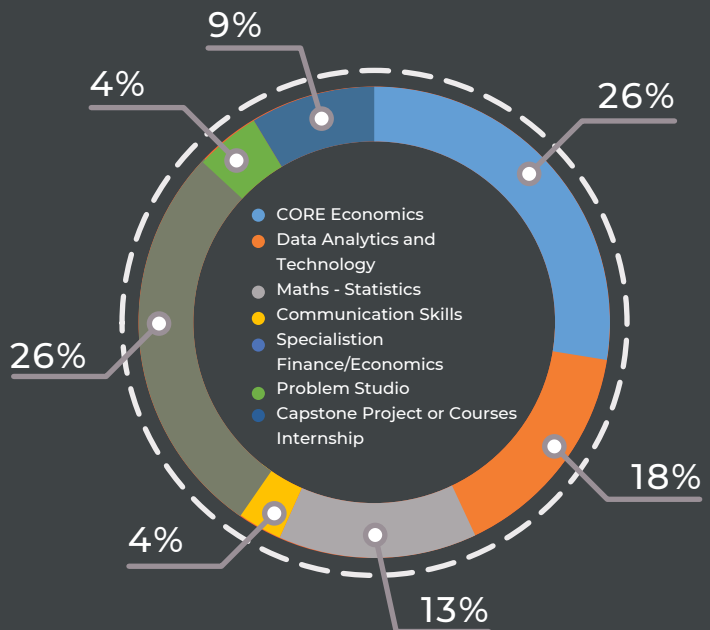
## PROGRAMME

### OBJECTIVES

- Prepare students for jobs in the financial sector, management consultancies and accounting firms, equipped with skills in time series analysis, business analytics and programme evaluation
- Develop skills to theoretically and empirically formulate, hypothesize and find creative solutions to society/economy's problems.
- Ensure a clear understanding of causality, usage of the most appropriate statistical techniques and software tools to test the impact of any event/ policy/ intervention.
- Nurture an interdisciplinary perspective and collaborative skills among students through problem solving projects cutting across domains

### STRUCTURE

	Credits
Economics	18
Data Analytics and Technology	12
Mathematics-Statistics	9
Communication skills	3
Specialisation in Finance or General Economics	18
Capstone Project	6
Problem Studios	3
Internship	Required
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>



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## TIMELINE

### YEAR 1

Core: Economics  
Foundation: Mathematics-Statistics  
Communication skills  
Data Analytics  
Econometrics/Research Methods  
One to One Mentoring  
Economics Games-Discussions

### SUMMER

Internship

### YEAR 2

Electives: Advanced Economics  
Specialisation Courses  
Problem Studios  
Annual Economics Conference  
Engagement with Career  
Development Centre  
Capstone Project

## PLACEMENTS AND INTERNSHIPS

The University's Career Development (Placement) Centre and Faculty Members facilitate internship and placement opportunities for students. The internship for the earlier batches were in multifaceted organisations: Reserve Bank of India, Department of Planning, Gandhinagar, Elara Capital, Knowledge Resource Group (KRG) Consultants, IIM Ahmedabad and Policy Think Tanks: Centre for Policy Research (Delhi), Centre for Technology, Innovation and Economic Research (Pune) and Centre for Development Policy and Practice (Hyderabad). Graduated students have been placed in Finance and Academic organisations and are building problem solving start-ups in financial consulting.

# FACULTY

We have a pool of outstanding faculty members drawn from different economics domains who are well-versed in teaching and research.

Visit the faculty profiles on our website under Economics and Public Policy tab:  
<https://bit.ly/3CpSYf4>



**AMOL AGRAWAL**  
Assistant Professor  
PhD (IIM Bangalore)



**CHAKRAVARTHI RANGARAJAN**  
Distinguished University Professor  
PhD  
(University of Pennsylvania)



**PUNEET ARORA**  
Assistant Professor  
PhD  
(Georgia State University)



**MOUMITA ROY**  
Assistant Professor  
PhD  
(George Mason University)



**HIMANI BAXI**  
Assistant Professor PhD  
PhD (Gujarat University)



**RAHUL SINGH**  
Assistant Professor  
PhD (IIM Bangalore)



**GAURAV BHATTACHARYA**  
Assistant Professor  
PhD (Dissertation submitted at Jawahar Lal Nehru University)



**MITA SUTHAR**  
Associate Professor  
PhD (Gujarat University)



**SUPRATIM DAS GUPTA**  
Assistant Professor  
PhD  
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**ISHITA TRIPATHI**  
Assistant professor  
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**VINODH MADHAVAN**  
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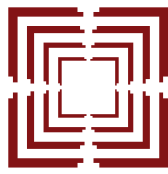
**JEEMOL UNNI**  
Professor  
PhD (Gujarat University)



**PALLAVI VYAS**  
Associate Professor  
PhD  
(University of Chicago)



**SONAL YADAV**  
Assistant Professor  
PhD (Gujarat University)



## ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must hold a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with at least 50% marks (45% for SC/ST candidates) or equivalent CGPA. A strong background in mathematics and statistics will be preferred. A candidate who has appeared for the final year examination of bachelor's degree can also apply and will be required to furnish a certificate from the university/ institution certifying that the candidate has aggregated 50% marks in the previous examinations.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates seeking admission in the MA-Economics programme, must apply in the prescribed online form with payment of application fee of Rs. 1200 (inclusive of GST). Duly filled application form along with the application fee can be submitted by April 15, 2022.

For details see our website. For details visit: <https://bit.ly/3Gt6WiH>

## SELECTION PROCESS

Shortlisted candidates will be called for an online exam and personal interaction/interview (also conducted online) on specified dates. Given the uncertain times, the online exam and interviews will be held on a rolling basis. We will offer admission to the candidates that meet our standard performance requirements across all the selection components as defined by the Admissions Committee.

## FEE STRUCTURE

The fees of the 2-year program is Rs. 5 lakhs. The fees does not cover the cost of programme material such text books, cases, readings etc.

## FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

At Ahmedabad University, we believe that finances should not stand in the way of pursuing education. The University provides meritorious scholarships to students based on their academic performance. The MA students needing additional financial assistance can opt for our Fellowship. Under the fellowship, the students are required to undertake Teaching Assistantship under a Faculty member assisting them in teaching. This opportunity provides students with both financial assistance and exposure to learning.





“The best thing about the Masters in Economics program at Ahmedabad University is to pursue one’s own field of interest. My interest is in Finance, and the interdisciplinarity of the program gave me a lot of opportunities in pursuing Finance. I have received internships with the Reserve Bank of India and Dvara Research Foundation during my time at Ahmedabad University. The MA Economics course gave me a real-world vision through the eyes of Economics and Finance.”

**Feby Thomas** ◀

MA Economics 2019-21, Ahmedabad University

“Masters in Economics programme at Ahmedabad University helped me visualize my business venture. While writing a book review I realized the impacts of policies on real estate market and consumer behaviour. During my internship with Centre for Technology, Innovation and Economic Research (Pune) I observed consulting ventures building business strategies and financial strategies. I majored in Finance which equipped me with research skills and a world view that helped me in my starting my venture.”



▶ **Sanket Sanjay Chhajed**

MA Economics 2019-21, Ahmedabad University



“From open and independent discussions to an interdisciplinary perspective, the learning at the university have been constructive. My internship experience as a policy research intern was very insightful and helped me gain practical understanding. Additionally, the rigour and the diligence of the programme has sharpened my skills in the use and analysis of large data sets.”

**Khushi Trivedi** ◀

MA Economics 2020-22, Ahmedabad University

“The Masters in Economics program at Ahmedabad University at Ahmedabad University is a well-structured and diverse program which primarily develops students’ analytical and quantitative skills. Moreover, it is not only a master's program where students can learn concepts, but it is also provides a context in which to apply them. My internship experience as a Research intern at the Centre for Development Practice and Policy (CDPP) has been an important chance to demonstrate my knowledge acquired during the courses. It helped me in getting a full time research job at Development Solutions Inc.”



▶ **Lucky Pandey**

MA Economics 2019-21, Ahmedabad University



### Facilities Available:

The following facilities are available to students at cost:

- Hostel rooms on a twin sharing basis are provided to students
- Campus Placements
- Alumni Membership

### ADMISSIONS OPEN

December 2021

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION, ENTRANCE TEST AND INTERVIEWS

January to June 2022 (rolling basis)

### PROGRAMME ORIENTATION COMMENCES

July 2022

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