

CERTIFICATE IN MACROECONOMICS

The Certificate in Macroeconomics will educate students in the key ideas, tools, and policies of macroeconomics. Major ideas include the causes and consequences of economic growth, unemployment, inflation, and the changing distribution of income, both in the U.S. and internationally. Students will develop both theoretical and analytical skills that are highly valued by employers. Students who are interested in pursuing careers in government, public policy, law, international relations, or business will find the Certificate highly relevant to their career aspirations.

Learning Outcomes

1. Knowledge of economic growth: students should be able to analyze the causes and consequences of economic growth in different countries and regions, gaining familiarity with the historical and contemporary debates about the role of the government in fostering economic growth. Special attention is given to the interplay between economic growth and the environment.
2. Understanding unemployment and inflation: students will learn to analyze the economic and policy factors that lead to changes in unemployment and inflation. Substantial attention is given to the role of fiscal and monetary policy.
3. Understanding of income distribution and inequality: students will develop the analytical skills needed to understand the causes and consequence of increased income inequality. Special attention will be paid to government policies that affect distribution.
4. Understanding international finance: students will learn to apply economic models to key issues in international finance, including exchange rates, and foreign direct investment.