The Department of Economics

The Department of Economics in Arizona State University’s W. P. Carey School of Business is ranked No. 42 by U.S. News & World Report and No. 47 by IDEAS. Our faculty members publish in the top journals of their disciplines, contribute to prestigious associations and editorial boards, and present research at major institutions and conferences worldwide.

Distinguished researchers collaborate with our faculty and graduate students, present their work at our seminars, and participate in international conferences. Our alumni also return to campus to participate in reunion conferences.

About the W. P. Carey School of Business

One of the largest business schools in the United States, ASU’s W. P. Carey School of Business is internationally recognized for its leadership in business education.

The school is consistently ranked among the best business schools by U.S. News & World Report and other publications for undergraduate programs, MBA programs, and online learning. Likewise, the research productivity of our faculty is highly regarded, consistently ranked top 30 worldwide by the University of Texas at Dallas Top 100 Business School Research Rankings.

Our mission

The W. P. Carey School of Business educates tomorrow’s business leaders, takes an entrepreneurial approach to learning, and conducts groundbreaking research in order to create positive change on a global scale.

Our vision

The W. P. Carey School of Business creates leaders who:

- Rethink the nature of business
- Engage the world
- Create a better future

Doctoral programs

Examining one of eight distinct fields of study, W. P. Carey PhD graduates embark on careers in research and academia, learning from thought leaders in their respective fields, and gaining the resources of America’s largest public university. Our motivated students bring unique experiences and backgrounds to local and global challenges.

The W. P. Carey School of Business offers the following doctoral degrees:

- PhD in business administration with concentrations in
  - Accountancy
  - Agribusiness
  - Finance
  - Information systems
  - Management
  - Marketing
  - Supply chain management
- PhD in economics

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About our research

In addition to examining research areas such as microeconomic theory, labor economics, public finance, macroeconomics and environmental economics, the Department of Economics also houses two major research centers:

Center for the Advanced Study in Economic Efficiency (CASEE) aims to advance economic science to achieve greater economic efficiency. Economic theory is applied to understanding issues of efficiency in contexts of public concern through the integration of theoretical and factual studies, with strong emphasis placed on global dissemination of this knowledge.

Center for Environmental Economics and Sustainability Policy (CEESP) develops research in environmental and resource economics that is relevant to policy needs. Special attention is given to issues of sustainability in the context of environmental, energy, and resource management.

The PhD in economics

The W. P. Carey PhD in Economics equips students for research and teaching positions at top institutions of higher education in the world as well research positions in public agencies or private organizations. The program is relatively small, with about 40 full-time doctoral students in residence at any time. A low student-to-faculty ratio allows us to provide greater faculty attention and mentoring than larger programs.

Primary areas of specialization offered are:
- Macroeconomics
- Economic theory
- Applied microeconomics
- Environmental and resource economics
- Financial economics
- Econometrics

PhD students are an integral part of the department involved in research, teaching and actively participating in seminar/workshop series. They are financially supported through teaching and research assistantships for five years. Stipends are highly competitive with any graduate program in the world.

Our graduates obtain jobs primarily in colleges and universities but also research institutes, government, and industry.

Sample PhD alumni affiliations
- BlackRock Inc.
- China Securities Regulatory Commission
- Fudan University, China
- IMPAQ Intl. LLC.
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Korea Energy Economics Institute
- Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade
- NEOMA Business School, France
- University of Queensland
- University of Winnipeg
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- The World Bank
- Xiamen University, China
- Whitworth University