The Department of Economics at Boston College is an exciting community of scholars from many countries who pursue applied and theoretical research on the pressing economic and social issues that face the world in the 21st century. The doctoral program is designed to train economists for careers in teaching and research by providing strong backgrounds in economic theory, quantitative research methods and applied fields.

Boston College provides considerable intellectual leadership to the economics profession. The economics faculty includes 40 full-time positions and continues to grow. Faculty allocate their time between research and teaching in undergraduate and doctoral programs as well as participating in the wider intellectual life of the University, the Boston area and the world.

The Boston College Department of Economics is ranked between 24th and 26th among U.S. economics departments according to the Combes-Linnemer worldwide rankings, and our Ph.D. program is ranked 25th in the U.S. News & World Report 2017 peer assessment survey. With University approval and support, we are on a growth path aimed at maintaining a top 25 ranking among U.S. economics departments. Recent hires include distinguished econometricians, macroeconomists, economic theorists and applied economists, adding to the established strength of the department in these fields.

The graduate program in economics is dedicated to training full-time Ph.D. students for careers in teaching and research. The program provides students with strong backgrounds in economic theory, quantitative research methods and applied fields. Requirements include course work, comprehensive examinations, a doctoral dissertation and a one-year residence requirement.

The program admits about 12 to 15 new students per year. The size of the program permits the department to offer a broad range of courses while at the same time enabling students to receive significant individual attention. In addition to core courses in economic theory and quantitative methods, the program offers courses in advanced micro and macro theory, econometric theory, applied econometrics, international trade, empirical international finance, topics in international macroeconomics, topics in international economic policy, monetary economics, labor economics, industrial organization, and finance.

Boston College’s proximity to Cambridge and Boston make it part of the area’s lively intellectual community. The Ph.D. program draws upon the rich academic resources of the area in addition to those available within the Department of Economics and other departments and schools at Boston College.

We invite you to find out more at bc.edu/economics.
Ph.D. Program

The requirements for the Ph.D. fall into four basic categories: course work, comprehensive examinations, the dissertation and a residence requirement.

COURSE WORK

The course requirements consist of a seven-course core curriculum and eight electives. The standard program for meeting these requirements is:

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COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS

All students are required to pass written comprehensive examinations in microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory and two of the following fields:

- Advanced Macro and Monetary Economics
- Advanced Micro Theory
- Econometrics
- Finance
- Industrial Organization
- International Finance and Macroeconomics
- International Trade and Political Economy
- Labor Economics

DISSERTATION

The third year of study is devoted to the formulation and development of a thesis topic. All students in the third through fifth years are required to regularly attend and actively participate in the department’s Thesis Workshop, which meets weekly during the academic year. Students are required to make one presentation each semester of their third, fourth and fifth years. Each Ph.D. student must have a dissertation abstract and a dissertation proposal on file with the department. Both the abstract and the proposal must be signed by two faculty members. The approved abstract must be on file no later than April 1 of the third year. The approved proposal must be on file no later than October 1 of the fourth year.

The thesis is written under the supervision of a committee comprising at least three faculty, a chairperson and two members. The thesis is approved when it is successfully defended before the committee in an oral examination. As with any Ph.D. program, the ultimate time to completion varies considerably. The department expects every student to be well prepared to enter the job market in January of the fifth year of full-time study.

Although there are exceptions, students should anticipate spending a minimum of four years of full-time study to complete the degree.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Each Ph.D. student must spend at least one academic year as a full-time student at Boston College.
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Recent Publications
The combined and varied interests of the faculty, as indicated in the faculty profiles, ensure that the department offers a wide range of graduate course electives. While the number and content of the graduate electives vary from year to year, the following courses are illustrative of the range offered.

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Associate Editor, Economic Letters
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Associate Editor, Review of Economic Design

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Associate Editor, Econometric Theory
Associate Editor, Economics Letters
Associate Editor, Economics Bulletin
Associate Editor, Journal of Time Series Econometrics
Associate Editor, Journal of Risk and Financial Management
Recent Ph.D. Dissertations

2019
Dominique Brabant, “Essays in International Economics”
Michael Connolly, “Essays in Empirical Finance and Macroeconomics”
Pierre De Leo, “Essays in Macroeconomics”
Nicholas Diebel, “Empirical Investigations of Contracting in Intermediate Markets”
Krastina Dzhambova, “Macroeconomic Implications of Fiscal Policy in a Small Open Economy”
Mehmet Ezer, “Essays in Macroeconomic and Macroprudential Policies”
Marco Ghiani, “Essays in Applied Health Economics”
Deeksha Kale, “Essays on the Impact of Credit Policies in Developing Countries”
Zafer Kanik, “Networks in Macroeconomics and Finance”
Tomohide Mineyama, “Essays in Monetary Economics”

2018
Vitor Baisi Hadad, “Essays in Econometrics and Dynamic Kidney Matching”
Jinyong Jeong, “Essays in Matching Theory”
Mashfiqur Khan, “Social Security and Labor Supply of Older Workers and the Disabled”
Hieu Duc Luu, “Essays on the Industrial Organization of Mortgage Markets”
Jacob Penglase, “Essays on Family Economics in Developing Countries”
Lauren Hoehn Velasco, “Essays on the Economic Causes and Consequences of Public Health”

2017
Zulma Barrail, “Expansion of the Middle Class, Consumer Credit Markets, and Volatility in Emerging Countries”
Laura Bonacorsi, “Essays in International Trade”
Alexander Eiermann, “Essays in Macroeconomics and Asset Pricing”
Sylvia Hristakeva, “Essays in Applied Industrial Organization”
Igor Karagodsky, “Essays in Corporate Finance”
Ana Lariau, “Essays in Macro-Labor”
Choon Sung Lim, “Essays in Labor Economics”
Michael Smith, “The Effects of Mandatory Disclosure on Product Quality, Prices, and Competition”
Ethan Struby, “Essays on Information in Macroeconomics and Finance”
Francesca Toscano, “Essays in Empirical Corporate Finance”

2016
Rossella Calvi, “Essays on Health and Family Economics in India”
Giacomo Candian, “Essays on Information and Financial Frictions in Macroeconomics”
Rosalia Greco, “Essays in Political Economy of Redistribution and Immigration”
Naijing Huang, “Essays in Time Series Analysis”
Gohar Minasyan, “Essays in International Macroeconomics”
Ivan Petkov, “Essays on Local Determinants of Economic Growth”

2015
Orhan Aygun, “Three Essays on Matching with Contracts”
Inacio Bo, “Essays in Matching Theory and Mechanism Design”
Tamas Briglevics, “Essays on Money and Credit”
Jinghan Cai, “Essays in Financial Economics”
Jin-Young Choi, “Two-Stage Semiparametric Estimators for Limited Dependent Variables and Its Applications”
Filippo DeMarco, “Banks, Sovereign Debt and Capital Requirements”
Francis Georges, “Two Essays in Applied Microeconomics”
Zhaochen He, “On the Existence of a Behavioral Component to the Business Cycle”
Jonathan Hoddenbagh, “Essays in International Macroeconomics and Finance”
Junghyun Kwon, “Essays in Health and Labor Economics”
Marco Macchiavelli, “Essays in Macroeconomics and Finance”
Bertan Turhan, “Essays in Market Design”
Scholarly Publications
Our recent graduates have been successful in terms of scholarly output. Their papers have appeared in the following journals:

- American Economic Review
- American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics
- Antitrust Law Journal
- Applied Economics Letters
- B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics
- Canadian Journal of Economics
- Econometrica
- Economic Journal
- Economics Letters
- Empirical Economics
- Energy Economics
- European Journal of Finance
- Games and Economic Behavior
- International Economic Review
- Journal of Applied Econometrics
- Journal of Business and Economic Statistics
- Journal of Comparative Economics
- Journal of Economics and Business
- Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
- Journal of Economic Literature
- Journal of Finance
- Journal of International Economics
- Journal of Monetary Economics
- Journal of Money, Credit and Banking
- Journal of Political Economy
- Journal of Social Policy and Aging
- Macroeconomic Dynamics
- Monthly Labor Relations Review
- Monthly Labor Review
- Quarterly Journal of Economics
- Review of Economic Dynamics
- Review of Economics and Statistics
- Review of International Economics
- Southern Economic Journal
- The Manchester School
- The Oxford Handbook of Retirement

Recent Placements

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Carleton College
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Clark University
Colgate University
College of William and Mary
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National University of Singapore
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oregon State University
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Rice University
Renmin University
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Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
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UCLA Anderson School of Management
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University of Delaware
University of Durham
University of Frankfurt, Germany
University of Georgia
University of Glasgow
University of International Business and Economics, Beijing
University of Lausanne
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Bank of Korea
Bank of Spain
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The Brattle Group
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Charles River Associates
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Congressional Budget Office
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IPMAQ International
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The oldest and largest of the University’s eight schools and colleges, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences offers graduate programs in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts and Master of Science. In addition, numerous dual-degree options are offered in cooperation with the Carroll School of Management, the Boston College Law School, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development and the School of Social Work.

With approximately 800 students and over 400 full-time faculty, the Graduate School is small enough to know you as a person, but large enough to serve you and prepare you for a rewarding life and satisfying career.

Research Facilities

Graduate students in economics may utilize the department’s Apple Macintosh OS X workstations, eight of which are located in departmental facilities dedicated to graduate student use. These Intel-based Unix workstations run Mathematica, MATLAB, Stata, TeXShop and Microsoft Office applications and provide access to internet resources. The department also participates in the University’s High Performance Computing initiative, which provides a powerful multiprocessor facility for computationally demanding faculty and student research.

Online access to many economic and financial databases is provided through WRDS (Wharton Research Data Services). Boston College is a member of the InterUniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), which makes a number of large economic databases available without charge.

Boston College also participates in the JSTOR project, providing online access to the entire run of leading economics journals.

The department plays a prominent role in the RePEc (Research Papers in Economics) initiative, which provides free access to working papers, journal citations and software and contact information. The Boston College Working Papers in Economics are downloadable and searchable via RePEc’s user services at repec.org.

Seminars and Workshops

Department faculty organize an active seminar series in microeconomic theory, macroeconomics and financial economics, econometrics, applied microeconomics and industrial organization, international trade, and international economic policy, with weekly presentations by noted economists. Students also present their work in the department’s weekly Dissertation Workshop, as well as lunch seminars and reading groups organized in various fields. The schedule is posted on the department’s home page at bc.edu/economics.

BOSTON AREA CONSORTIUM

The Boston Area Consortium allows graduate students to cross-register for courses at Boston University, Brandeis University and Tufts University.

BOSTON COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The University is home to eight libraries, containing 2.95 million volumes; more than 700 manuscript collections, including music, photos, art and artifacts; 625,000 e-books; and more than 600 electronic databases. O’Neill Library, Boston College’s main library, offers subject-specialist librarians to help with research, to set up alerts to publications in areas of interest and to answer any research- and library-related questions.

THE BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The Boston Library Consortium allows Boston College students access to millions of volumes and other services at 19 area institutions in addition to the world-class resources available through the Boston College Library System.
BOSTON COLLEGE is located on the edge of one of the world’s most vibrant cities. Just six miles from downtown Boston—an exciting and dynamic place to live and learn—Boston College is an easy car or “T” ride away from a booming center for trade, finance, research and education.

Home to some of New England’s most prestigious cultural landmarks, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Symphony Hall and the Freedom Trail, Boston provides a rich environment for those passionate about art, music and history. For sports fans, Boston hosts a number of the country’s greatest sports teams: the Celtics, Patriots, Bruins and, of course, Fenway Park’s beloved Red Sox. Found within a short drive from Boston are some of New England’s best recreational sites, from the excellent skiing in New Hampshire to the pristine beaches of Cape Cod.

Boston also offers a wide range of family friendly attractions, including the Children’s Museum, New England Aquarium, Franklin Park Zoo and the Museum of Science. There are roughly 50 universities located in the Boston area, and the large student population adds to the city’s intellectually rich and diverse community. Events, lectures and reading groups hosted by world-renowned scholars abound on area campuses, providing abundant opportunities to meet and network with other graduate students and faculty throughout the Boston area.

THE UNIVERSITY

Boston College is a Jesuit university with 14,400 students, 821 full-time faculty and nearly 180,000 active alumni. Since its founding in 1863, the University has known extraordinary growth and change. From its beginnings as a small Jesuit college intended to provide higher education for Boston’s largely immigrant Catholic population, Boston College has grown into a national institution of higher learning that is consistently ranked among the top universities in the nation. Boston College is ranked 37th among national universities by U.S. News & World Report.

Today, Boston College attracts scholars from all 50 states and over 80 countries, and confers more than 4,000 degrees annually in more than 50 fields through its eight schools and colleges. Its faculty members are committed to both teaching and research and have set new marks for research grants in each of the last 10 years. The University is committed to academic excellence. As part of its most recent strategic plan, Boston College is in the process of adding 100 new faculty positions, expanding faculty and graduate research, increasing student financial aid and widening opportunities in key undergraduate and graduate programs.

The University is comprised of the following colleges and schools: Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Carroll School of Management, Connell School of Nursing, Lynch School of Education and Human Development, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College Law School, School of Social Work and School of Theology and Ministry.

GENERAL RESOURCES

HOUSING

While on-campus housing is not available for graduate students, most choose to live in nearby apartments. The Office of Residential Life maintains an extensive database with available rental listings, roommates and helpful local real estate agents. The best time to look for fall semester housing is June through the end of August. For spring semester housing, the best time to look is late November through the beginning of the second semester. Additionally, some graduate students may live on campus as resident assistants. Interested students should contact the Office of Residential Life.
JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY, S.J., GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER
One of only a handful of graduate student centers around the country, the Murray Graduate Student Center is dedicated to the support and enrichment of graduate student life at Boston College. Its primary purpose is to build a sense of community among the entire graduate student population and cultivate a sense of belonging to the University as a whole. Its amenities include study rooms, a computer lab, two smart televisions, kitchen, deck and patio space, complimentary coffee and tea, and more. Throughout the year, the center hosts programs organized by the Office of Graduate Student Life and graduate student groups. The Murray Graduate Student Center also maintains an active job board (available electronically), listing academic and non-academic opportunities for employment both on and off campus.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART
Serving as a dynamic educational resource for the national and international community, the McMullen Museum of Art showcases interdisciplinary exhibitions that ask innovative questions and break new ground in the display and scholarship of the works on view. The McMullen regularly offers exhibition-related programs, including musical and theatrical performances, films, gallery talks, symposia, lectures, readings and receptions that draw students, faculty, alumni and friends together for stimulating dialogue. Located on the Brighton campus, the McMullen Museum is free to all visitors.

CONNORS FAMILY LEARNING CENTER
Working closely with the Graduate School, the Connors Family Learning Center sponsors seminars, workshops and discussions for graduate teaching assistants and teaching fellows on strategies for improving teaching effectiveness and student learning. Each fall, the Learning Center and the Graduate School hold a “Fall Teaching Orientation” workshop designed to help students prepare for teaching. The center also hosts ongoing seminars on college teaching, higher learning and academic life; assists graduate students in developing teaching portfolios; and provides class visits and teaching consultations, upon request. Through these and other activities, the Connors Family Learning Center plays an important role in enhancing the quality of academic life at Boston College.

MARGOT CONNELL RECREATION CENTER
The Margot Connell Recreation Center redefines the future of fitness and recreation at Boston College. The 244,000-square-foot, four-story structure offers our community an inspired space to play, pursue sports, gather with friends and work out. This facility includes a fitness center, rock climbing wall, jogging track, aquatics center, wood-floor basketball courts, tennis courts, multi-activity courts, multi-purpose rooms for spin, yoga and fitness classes, and so much more.

BOSTON COLLEGE CAREER CENTER
The Boston College Career Center works with graduate students at each step of their career development. Services include self-assessment, career counseling, various career development workshops, resume and cover letter critiques, and practice interviews. In addition to extensive workshop offerings, Career Center staff members are available throughout the year for one-on-one advising about any aspect of the career path. The Career Resource Library offers a wealth of resources, including books, periodicals and online databases.
Admission Requirements

The application deadline for fall admission is January 2. Please visit bc.edu/gsas for detailed information on how to apply.

Application requirements include:

- Application Form: Submitted online, via the GSAS website.
- Application Fee: $75, non-refundable.
- Abstract of Courses Form: A concise overview of background and related courses completed in an intended field or proposed area of study.
- Official Transcripts: Demonstrating coursework completed/degree conferred from all post-secondary institutions attended.
- GRE General Test: Official score report (recommended only).
- Three Letters of Recommendation: From professors or supervisors. It is highly advisable that at least one letter be from an academic source.
- Statement of Purpose: A brief (1-2 page) discussion of an applicant’s preparation, motivation and goals for his/her proposed course of study.
- Proof of English Proficiency (International only): Official TOEFL/IELTS score reports accepted.

Financial Assistance

DEPARTMENT FUNDING

The Department of Economics annually awards approximately 25 graduate assistantships to first- and second-year Ph.D. students, and 40 teaching positions to third-, fourth- and fifth-year students. Graduate assistants are exempted from tuition and receive stipends of $23,200. Assistants are responsible for up to 10 hours per week of research assistance or grading for individual faculty members while carrying full academic loads. Teaching assistants are paid $23,500 and supervise discussion sessions in introductory undergraduate courses and undergraduate statistics and econometrics. Teaching fellows receive $24,000 for teaching their own sections of introductory undergraduate courses. In addition, all doctoral students receive a full tuition scholarship to cover the cost of all approved coursework.

An appointment as a teaching assistant or teaching fellow requires fluency in English. Students who enter the program with a financial award can expect continued assistance through five years of study, provided their work in the program is satisfactory. Satisfactory performance is generally defined as a B+ average in course work and appropriate progress toward the degree.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students can apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA. The loans that may be available to graduate students are the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Perkins Loan, based on eligibility. If additional funds are needed, student may apply for a Grad Plus Loan. For more information, see the Graduate Financial Aid website at bc.edu/gradaid or contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294.

OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) assists both faculty and graduate students in finding sources of external funding for their projects and provides advice in the development of proposals. OSP maintains a reference library of publications from both public and private sectors listing funding sources for sponsored projects. In the recent past, graduate students have received research support from prominent agencies, corporations and organizations such as the Fulbright Commission, the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the American Political Science Association, the American Association of University Women, the American Chemical Society and the American Association of University Women.