

Masters Program

The program equips students for a Masters degree in Economics through deepening their base of Economic Theory, and consolidating their applied abilities through the use of empirical methods in the analysis of economic problems. The Masters program began on the first term of 1411/1412H on basis of full time study and the first dissertation was approved on 1/11/1415H. Students enroll for courses on basis of levels (semester) where each level includes a number of specified courses the student has to pass before proceeding to the next. After finishing the first two levels the student could choose a track for a further two semesters.

Program Objectives:

- To equip the student with the necessary economic knowledge and to promote his ability to undertake objective and rigorous economic thinking.
- To keep pace with new developments in the field of economics to guarantee highest academic standards in a fast developing discipline as economics.
- To prepare the student for more specialization within the field of economics and to train and equip those who desire to pursue their studies in the field or related areas.
- To promote research, and community development through education and training.
- To open employment opportunities to graduates through qualifications needed in the Saudi labor market.

Instruction Medium:

- The language of instruction in the program is Arabic. The dissertation is written in Arabic with an abstract in English. Students are required to complete an intensive course in English prior to commencing the program or to attain a TOFEL score of 459.

Program Tracks and Specializations:

- The program includes the following three tracks:
 - Track One: General Economics.
 - Track Two: Trade and Finance.
 - Track Three: Resource and Environmental Economics.

Admission requirements

- Students must obtain a GPA of 3.75/5 (very good) score to be admitted to the program. Students with GPA between 3.25 and 3.75 will be considered on individual merit (case by case).

The Study Program:

- The study program consists of courses and a dissertation as follows:
 - 30 units (hours) of postgraduate courses.(3 Hours each).
 - Submission of a dissertation on a topic selected by the student and approved by the department, faculty board and the Deanship of Postgraduate Studies.

Course Hours:

- 30 hours courses.
- 6 hours dissertation.