

Lahore School of Economics

Graduate Programs



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Lahore School of Economics

Lahore School of Economics is a distinguished seat of learning known for high quality teaching and research. Established in 1993, the Lahore School has emerged as one of the leading higher education institutions in Pakistan. The Lahore School's academic programmes encompass Economics, Finance, Business Administration, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Environmental Sciences & Policy and Media Studies, Art and Design. The School offers both Graduate and Undergraduate programmes within specialized faculties, departments and research centres. The Main Campus, spread over 35 acres, is located on the Burki Road, Lahore.



Azam Amjad Chaudary
Dean
Faculty of Economics

Faculty of Economics

Faculty of Economics is one of the top academic units in the country- ranked number one in Economics Research in the last 10 years by the latest RePEc rankings. Faculty of Economics is also the only WTO chair in the country. The faculty comprises of:

- Department of Economics
- Center for Research in Economics and Business (CREB)
- Graduate Institute of Development Studies (GIDS)
- Innovation and Technology Center (ITC)

It offers both the graduate and undergraduate programs including:

- PhD in Economics
- MS/MPhil in Economics
- MS/MPhil in Development Studies
- BS Economics (with a number of double majors)



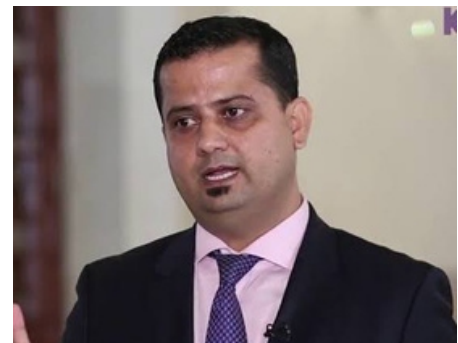
Naved Hamid
Director
Center for Research in
Economics and Business

MS/M.PHIL Economics

Overview

The Lahore School MS/MPhil Economics program is one of the leading graduate programs in the country. The MS/MPhil Economics Program is designed to equip students with the main tools of the professional economist and prepares them for the technically demanding professional jobs and doctoral programs.

Offered by the research intensive Faculty of Economics, the program concentrates on the core elements of economic theory and econometrics. This dual approach gives students strong foundation, in-depth understanding of economic models and methods, and understanding of how to use powerful analytical tools. The program also helps students design and conduct either an independent master's research project (in MS track) or a thesis with original contribution (in MPhil track).



Waqar Wadho
Director
Graduate Studies (Economics)

Structure

The program offers two tracks: MS Economics (1.5 years) and MPhil Economics (2.5 years). The MS Economics track requires 24 credit hours of coursework and an MS Research Project (6 credit hours). The MPhil Economics track requires 30 credit hours of coursework and an MPhil thesis (6 credit hours). Within each track, the program is broad enough to offer four specializations (streams) that are especially designed keeping in view the future placement of the students.

- Quantitative Economics
- Development Economics
- Trade and Public Policy
- Data Analytics

The Quantitative Economics stream offers strong theoretical and quantitative skills to prepare students for PhD programs. The students graduated with this stream are fully prepared to start a PhD in Economics program at any top university. The Development Economics, and Trade and Public Policy streams develop applied skills for professional careers with concentration on Micro-development and Macro-development issues, respectively. The data analytics stream prepares students to analyse economic issues by using advanced data analytic techniques in combination of advanced econometrics and programming skills.

COURSES

BRUSH UP

1. Calculus and Linear Algebra
2. Basic Econometrics
3. Stata (Online)
4. R Programming (Online)

CORE

1. Mathematical Economics
2. Econometrics I
3. Theories of Economic Growth
4. Decision Theory: Producers and Consumers

Note: Brush-up courses 1 and 2 are to be taken on campus in July-August before the main program. Brush-up courses 3 and 4 are to be taken online by students. The graduate program office will facilitate students enrolling in these online courses. Brush-up course 3 to be registered in the Winter term and Brush-up course 4 to be registered in the Spring term.



SPECIALIZATION COURSES

Quantitative Economics

- Game Theory & Information
- Business Cycles & Monetary Policy
- Econometrics II
- Applied Development

Development Economics

- Economic Development
- Applied Development
- Econometrics II
- Market Structures & Firm Dynamics

Trade & Public Policy

- International Trade: Theory & Evidence
- Trade in General Equilibrium
- Business Cycles & Monetary Policy
- Market Structures & Firm Dynamics

Data Analytics

- Econometrics II
- Big Data Techniques
- Data Base Management & Machine Learning
- Data Visualization

M.Phil in Economics

- 3 courses from stream 1, 2, or 3
- Econometrics II
- Elective Course I
- Elective Course II

PROGRAM SEQUENCE



Pre-Program

1. Calculus and Linear Algebra
2. Basic Econometrics

Year 1

- 4 core courses
- 3 specialization courses
- 1 cross specialization course Stata
- R programming

Year 2

MS track

- Research Project

MPhil track

- 2 elective courses
- MPhil Thesis

ADMISSION & SCHOLARSHIPS



Admissions

Admissions are purely based on merit and are finalized by the Admission Committee, chaired by the Director Graduate Studies. The following would determine the merit:

- BS in Economics (16 years of education) or equivalent with minimum CGPA of 3.0.
- Graduate Admission Test
- Interview of the candidates

Fees

All fees and charges are covered by a generous funding by the National Economic Foundation Scholarship and the Research Scholarship of the Lahore School of Economics.

Financial Aid

Fees & Charges

The National Economic Foundation Scholarship and the Research Scholarship of the Lahore School of Economics cover all fees and charges.

Need-based Scholarships

The National Economic Foundation of the Lahore School of Economics offers a need-based stipend of Rs. 25,000/- per month to students. For this stipend, preference would be given to female students and students who are not residents of Lahore.

Teaching Assistants

For students enrolled in the MPhil stream, a limited number of Teaching Assistant jobs are available after the successful defense of their thesis proposals.

HEAR FROM OUR ALUMNI



Saniya Jilani

PhD candidate at Colorado State University
Batch of 2017

"The initiation of my journey towards the PhD program started with the Mphil program at LSE. LSE equipped me with the right set of prerequisites that were essential tools for not only securing an admission, but also for progressing towards my second year as a PhD student ."



Umair Ayaz

PhD candidate Georgia State University
Batch of 2011

"My decision to obtain the MPhil degree in economics from the Lahore School immensely helped me in getting up to speed with the rigours of a reputable foreign PhD programme. Additionally, the process of working on my MPhil thesis equipped me with the essential skill of conducting academic research."



Rafia Zafar

PhD Fordham University
Batch of 2012

"Courses I studied at LSE on mathematical economics, econometrics (both applied and theory), development economics, microeconomics and macroeconomics theory were especially very helpful during my PhD program. Mentorship that I received from the faculty at the Lahore School also helped in shaping my research interests."



Ringchan Ali

State Bank of Pakistan
Batch of 2016

"The Graduate Program combines the advantages of a small department with close and informal connection to faculty in a friendly and supportive academic setting. The breadth of courses, rigorous coursework, & seminars equipped me with both the theoretical knowledge and analytical techniques necessary in both academic and professional environments."



Zehra Gardezi

PhD Oregon State University
Batch of 2010

"Being part of the graduate program had a significant role in my acceptance into a PhD program and in getting the Fulbright scholarship. While in the US, I was able to be deliberate about my choice of coursework because I had (during the MPhil) developed insight into current methodologies and questions being posed in economic research."

RECENT PLACEMENTS



PhD in Economics

- Colorado State University, USA.
- University of Warwick, UK.
- University of New South Wales, Australia.
- Georgia State University, USA.
- University of Nottingham, UK.
- Fordham University, USA.
- University of York, UK.
- Oregon State University, USA.
- City University of London, UK.
- Jiangsu University, China.
- Lahore School of Economics.

Job Market

- State Bank of Pakistan
- Planning Commission of Pakistan
- Centre for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP) Center for Research in Economics and Business (CREB)
- Lahore School of Economics
- Planning and Development Division, Punjab Urban Unit, Punjab.
- CPEC Center of Excellence
- Women Development Department, Punjab
- Sama American Private School, Dubai
- Beaconhouse Schooling System

GRADUATE PROGRAM FACULTY



Naved Hamid

PhD Stanford University
Development Economics



Azam Chaudhry

PhD Brown University
Macroeconomics



Theresa Chaudhry

PhD University of Maryland
Microeconomics & Trade



Waqar Wadho

PhD Aix-Marseille School of Economics
Economic Growth & Innovation



Moazam Mahmood

PhD University of Sussex
Trade & Labour Markets



Hamna Ahmed

PhD University of Kent
Applied Development



Rabia Arif

PhD Lahore School of Economics
Migration & Econometrics



Nida Jamil

PhD Lahore School of Economics
Microeconomics



Zunia Saif

PhD Lahore School of Economics
Applied Development



Rehana Naz

PhD University of Witwatersrand
Mathematical Economics



Fahad Mansoor Pasha

PhD University of Warwick
Data Analytics



Syeda Rabab Mudakkar

PhD University of Nottingham
Data Analytics

Important Dates 2023-24

March: Applications Open

May 31st: Application Deadline

GAT Dates: 13th March & 14th May

June: Interviews

June: Admission Offers

July: Brush Up Courses

September: Main Program Starts

IMPORTANT LINKS

Admissions Office

Admissions Office

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Director Graduate Office

Dr. Waqar Wadho - Director

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Other Links

Center for Research in Economics and Business

<http://www.creb.org.pk/>

Graduate Institute of Development Studies

<https://www.gids.org.pk/>

Innovation and Technology Center

<https://economics.lahoreschool.edu.pk/tmicmain.php>

How To Apply

Submit online application with supporting documents at:

www.admissions.lahoreschool.edu.pk

No admission form fee or admission processing fee is required.

