

Economics Student Achievement

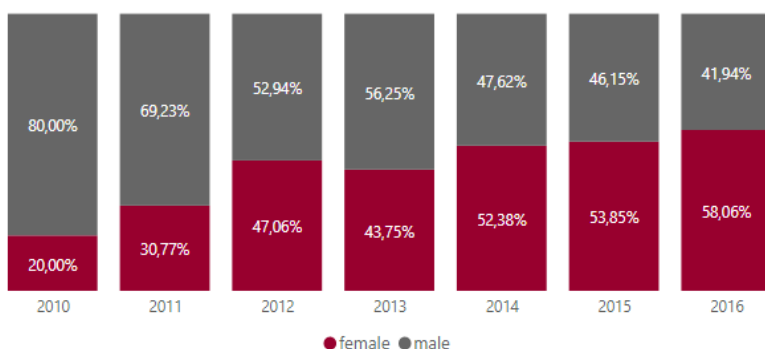
Degree Profile for the Economics program

A graduate from the UDLA Economics program is a professional with solid quantitative training and mastery of economic theory applied to the analysis, research, and interpretation of the challenges in the national and international socio-economic environment.

An economist from UDLA is equipped to design and evaluate public policy with a qualitative and quantitative approach. The program synthesizes the theoretical and methodological foundations of development economics and offers strategies to resolve contemporary social and economic problems. Graduates develop research papers applying scientific method to examine economic phenomena and validate theories with empirical evidence, analyze the behavior of economic stakeholders to determine the functioning of the markets and the global economy, and design financial and economic planning that optimizes the process of management decision-making in both public and private spheres.

An Economics graduate of UDLA is expected to work effectively in multidisciplinary and intercultural teams in an ethical and responsible manner, learning to lead projects and participate in innovative decision processes, demonstrating an entrepreneurial spirit to achieve the objectives of public or private institutions.

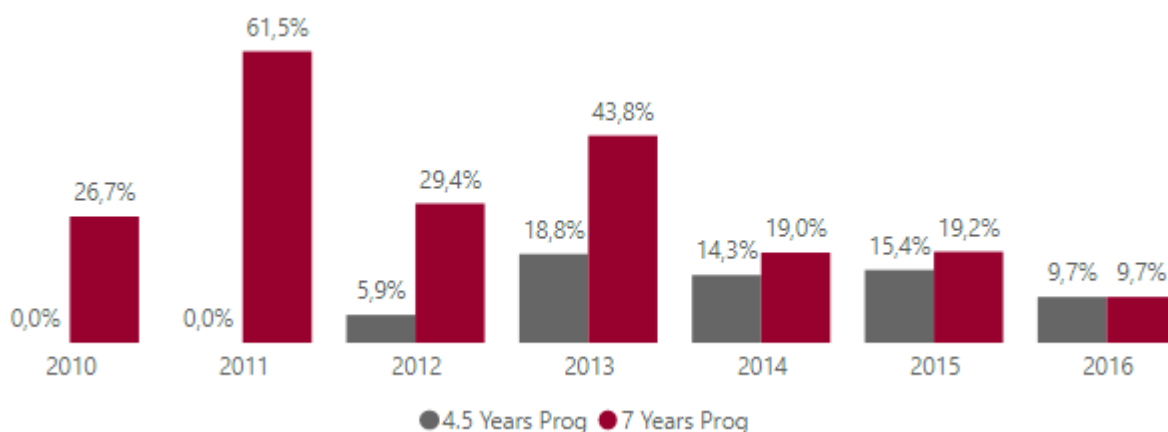
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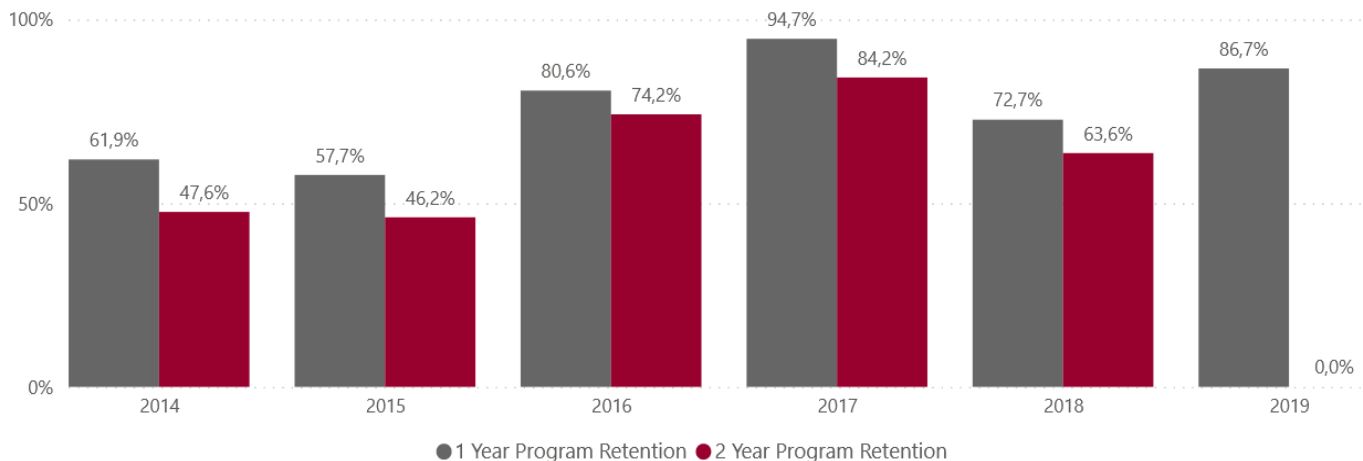
Retention and graduation rates are calculated through the 2019- 2020 academic year, based on new, first-time students entering in the fall semester, regardless of whether they enroll in the daytime or evening version of their program (if available). These rates do not consider incoming transfer students.

The duration of the Economics program has historically been 4.5 years (9 semesters). Nevertheless, until Fall 2015, students had to first complete all coursework and then the capstone, which extended the time required to finish the program by at least one semester. Therefore,

GRADUATION



RETENTION



Program Learning Outcomes

In every semester, the program provides assessment results according to its Multiannual Assessment Plan (MAP), which typically considers one or more of its program learning outcomes (PLOs). Most programs utilize the platform Brightspace to collect and assess student work and to present the data and evidence of student achievement. These results and their analysis, with the objective of identifying areas for improvement, are presented in the program's annual assessment report.

In the graphic below, the most recent period in which a PLO has been assessed is indicated, with the percentage indicating achievement of the expected performance standard for that PLO, according to the rubric used to evaluate the student work. This standard can be designated at an introductory, intermediate, or final level, depending upon how the course learning outcomes (CLOs) align to each PLO in the program's curriculum map.

A graduate of the Economics program will be able to:

1. Analyze economic agents' behavior.
2. Develop and interpret econometric models.
3. Distinguish economic theory limitations and current topics of academic debate.
4. Design and evaluate public policies with qualitative and quantitative approaches.
5. Create financial and economic optimization plans to ensure the efficient use of resources.
6. Design planning processes and evaluate projects from economic and financial perspectives.
7. Synthesize the theoretical and methodological foundations of development economics.
8. Analyze the national and international economic environment to study the current economic situation.
9. Develop research contrasting economic theory with empirical evidence.
10. Work collaboratively, leading and innovating projects, with a sound understanding of professional ethics.

