

admission). This requires that the applicant be at least 21 years of age, and have relevant work experience.

Postgraduate Diploma

- a) Bachelors degree from The University of Fiji with a GPA of at least 3.0 in the 200 and 300 level courses in the appropriate major **OR**
- b) A qualification obtained from some other tertiary institution deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to the requirements set out in (a) above **OR**
- c) A professional qualification deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to the requirements set out in (a) above.

Students may also be considered who do not satisfy requirements in (a) to (c), but who can demonstrate that they have the experience or achievement relevant to the proposed programme of study which the senate deems to be sufficient for the candidate to pursue the postgraduate diploma programme at a satisfactory level.

Masters Degree

- a) Bachelors degree from The University of Fiji with a GPA of at least 4.0 in the 200 and 300 level courses in the appropriate major **OR**
- b) A qualification obtained from some other tertiary institution deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to the requirements set out in (a) above **OR**
- c) A Postgraduate Diploma in an appropriate field of study from The University of Fiji with a GPA of at least 3.0 in the PGD courses, **OR**
- d) A qualification from some other tertiary institution deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to the requirements set out in (c) above, **OR**
- e) A professional qualification deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to the requirements set out in (a) above.



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Economics

Opportunities for success

Why Study Economics

Economics is a social science, which focuses on how individuals, groups, and societies can make the best use of limited resources. Human wants are unlimited ranging from obtaining the basic necessities of life to road construction programs, constructing and running hospitals and schools, participating in international sporting events etc. Satisfying those desires uses resources: natural resources, human resources, man-made resources and time.

These resources are not only just scarce, but they also have alternative uses. The discipline of Economics explores how we may optimize the use of our own and the nation's scarce resources. Thus, economics is the study of the resource allocation choices among competing uses for our well-being. It is the only social science for which Nobel Prize is awarded.

Governments also face alternative policy options to solve national economic problems such as unemployment, inflation, budget deficit, the balance of payments and poverty reduction for improving the standard of living.

A degree in economics is a flexible qualification which can open the doors to a great variety of exciting and well-paying careers. These include various government Ministries, Reserve Bank, commercial and development banks and in a wide range of regional and international organizations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Development Program, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, and South Pacific Regional Environment Program. Opportunities are also there for graduates to work in schools and private organizations.

Programmes Offered

The department of Economics offers the following programmes:

- Diploma in Economics
- Bachelor of Commerce in Economics

(Single or Double major)

- Postgraduate Diploma in Economics
- Master of Commerce in Economics

Programme Structure

Diploma in Economics

- 2 x 100 level Economics courses
- 3 x 200 level Economics courses
- 1 x 100 level Mathematics/Statistics course
- 1 x 100 level Computer Studies course
- 1 x 100 level English for academic purposes
- 1 x 100 level i-Taukei/Hindi course
- 2 x 100 level Course in any discipline
- 3 x 200 level Course in any discipline
- 1 x 100 level University Wide course
- 1 x 200 level University Wide course

Bachelor of Commerce (Single major in Economics)

- 2 x 100 level Economics courses
- 1 x 100 level Mathematics/Statistics course
- 3 x 200 level Economics courses
- 1 x 100 level Computing course
- 1 x 100 level University Wide course
- 1 x 100 level i-Taukei /Hindi course
- 2 x 100 level Course in any discipline
- 1 x 100 level English for academic purposes
- 3 x 200 level Course in any discipline
- 1 x 200 level University Wide course
- 4 x 300 level Economics courses
- 1 x 300 level University Wide course
- 3 x 300 level Course in any discipline

Bachelor of Commerce (Double major in Economics)

- 2 x 100 level Economics courses
- 1 x 100 level Mathematics/Statistics course
- 2 x 100 level courses from a second major
- 1 x 100 level Computing course
- 1 x 100 level University Wide course

- 1 x 100 level English for academic purposes
- 1 x 200 level University Wide course
- 1 x 100 level i-Taukei/Hindi course
- 3 x 200 level Economics courses
- 3 x 200 level courses from a second major
- 1 x 300 level University Wide course
- 3 x 300 level Economics course
- 3 x 300 level Course from a second major
- 1 x 300 level Course in Economics or from second major

Postgraduate Diploma in Economics

The Post Graduate Diploma in Economics programme consists of four courses amounting to 120 Credit Points.

Master of Commerce in Economics

There are three options:

1. Postgraduate Diploma in Economics and a thesis **OR**
2. Postgraduate Diploma in Economics plus two postgraduate courses in Economics and a supervised research project. **OR**
3. Postgraduate Diploma in Economics plus four Postgraduate courses in Economics

Admission Requirements

Diploma and Degree

- Passed the University Foundation Programme (or its equivalent) with a grade of C in LLCF11 and LLCF12 and a grade of C in 5 other semester long courses.
- Or a pass in Year 13 Certificate Examination or its equivalent (at least 200 marks in 4 subjects with 50% in English),
- Or a pass in Form 7 or Foundation Mathematics.
- Or a pass in Year 12 Certificate Examination or its equivalent, and have at least 2 years of relevant work experience, **OR**
- Or admission with standing (mature entry)