

## **MA ECONOMICS PROGRAM LEARNING GOALS**

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In its Masters degree program, the Economics department at San Francisco State University seeks to prepare graduate students for careers as professional economists, economic analysts, managers, or other professionals. The goals of the program are:

1. Students will learn micro and macroeconomic theories at the appropriate level and will be able to use these theories to analyze economic problems and issues relevant to the local, state, national, or global economy. With this knowledge, students will be able to understand and critically assess scholarly economics articles and propose possible pathways for future research.
2. Students will learn practical skills in collecting, processing, interpreting and analyzing economic data with appropriate statistical and econometric techniques.
3. Students will be able to employ economic reasoning in analyzing real world economic problems and effectively communicate their knowledge and findings both orally and in written formats.