

PH.D. IN ECONOMICS

CSU's doctoral program in economics has a national and international reputation of excellence in the fields of environmental economics, political economy, and regional economics. Our faculty and students are pluralists who specialize in a wide range of economic thought.

Our Ph.D. program prepares students for academic careers in the U.S. and around the world, as well as advanced assignments in government agencies and the private sector. Recent PhD job placements include tenure-track faculty positions at California State University San Bernardino, Colorado College, Denison University, Monmouth University, Morehouse College, Pepperdine University, University of Denver, University of Texas Arlington, University of Utah and at a range of universities globally. Recent public sector placements include the Colorado Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment among others. In addition, our PhD graduates have gone on to post-doctoral scholar positions, local government, and to both permanent and visiting teaching positions at a range of universities.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Achieve mastery of theories in microeconomics, macroeconomics, political economy and econometrics and demonstrate the ability to critically assess core assumptions, logical structure, and propositions from a broad range of theories to address current issues and policy questions.
2. Achieve mastery of empirical methods and demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate and practice methods of testing the validity of hypotheses and determining causal inferences.
3. Demonstrate skill in disciplinary communication through writing and presentations.
4. Gain professional experience through engagement in a variety of research and teaching activities.
5. Gain employment as professional economists in academia, the private sector, or government or employment in related fields.