Mission Statement
The mission of UNR's master program in economics is to provide advanced training in economics, to prepare students to be economic analysts in either the public or private sector, and to prepare students for future advanced graduate studies.

Student Learning Outcomes

Understand the principles of advanced microeconomics and macroeconomics

Student Performance Indicators
- Exams, projects, and term papers in courses ECON702 and ECON 703 that require theoretical analysis.
- Master thesis that applies economic principles and theoretical models.
- Job placement in either the public or private sector.
- Ph.D. programs admissions and successful doctoral studies.

Assessment Method
- Graduate School Grade Requirement
- Supervising committee evaluation on theses.
- Alumni survey and feedback from employers.
- COBA Career Service Office.

Become proficient in quantitative skills

Student Performance Indicators
- Exams, projects, and term papers in courses that require quantitative analysis.
- Thesis that applies mathematical and statistical methods.
- Job placement in either the public or private sector.
- Ph.D. programs admissions and successful doctoral studies.

Assessment Method
- Exit survey
- Supervising committee evaluation on theses.
- Alumni survey and feedback from employers.
- COBA Career Service Office

Demonstrate competence in policy analysis

Student Performance Indicators
- Adequate performance and term papers in policy-oriented economic courses.
- Thesis that addresses economic policies.
- Job placement in either the public or private sector.

Assessment Method
- Graduate student course grades.
- Supervising committee evaluation on theses.
- Alumni survey and feedback from employers.
- COBA Career Service Office.
### Develop analytical thinking, writing, and communication skills

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### Use of Results

A Departmental committee is charged with evaluating the assessment data on an annual basis, reporting to the Chairman of the Department and to the Department at large. The data will be used to identify weaknesses and strengths in our Graduate program, with the idea of further improving its working.

### Implementation Plan

The Director of our Graduate program is responsible for collecting assessment data. The data will be stored on a database to be regularly updated by the Economics Management Assistant. A Departmental committee has been assigned the responsibility of improving and refining our current survey methodology. The survey will be made public on an annual basis. The Departmental committee will regularly consult with the Assessment Office on desirable changes. We will also seek input from other University sources and from the community at large.