



October 9, 2015

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Dear Dr. Karbhari:

Thank you for your letter of July 21, 2015, notifying the Commission of your intent to offer a new M.S. in Economic Data Analytics degree program and the closure of the M.A. in Economics degree program, effective fall 2015.

The M.S. in Economic Data Analytics degree program is focused, reflects the evolution of economics as a discipline, and responds to new job market demands. The program requires 30 semester credit hours consisting of 24 hours of required coursework and six hours of electives. The curriculum for the program is a repackaging of existing courses and the addition of one new course. No new faculty resources will be required.

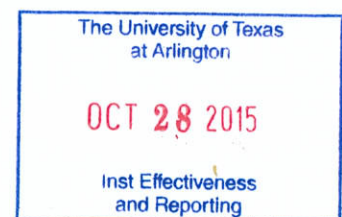
We accept notification of the M.S. in Economic Data Analytics degree program and request no additional information.

The M.A. in Economics degree program will not accept any new students beginning fall 2015. Students were informed of the decision of the changes in the program via email and received personal counseling regarding the changes. Currently enrolled students will have the option to complete the M.A. in Economics degree program or move to the new M.S. in Economic Data Analytics degree program. The M.A. in Economics will remain available until August 2019. All students will be able to complete their degrees on schedule and will not incur additional expense due to the closure. Faculty will not be affected by the closure of the degree program.

We approve the closure of the M.A. in Economics degree program.

Best regards,

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President



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