***Graduate***

1.

Very good

The pressure of the coursework is way too much to feel engaged with any other academic activity

The knowledge I obtain and the skills are highly necessary and are taught through a very effective system represented by my department.

This not a fault of the program, but due to personal distractions

Excellent research requires excellent academic backup.

2.

This honestly depends entire on the relationship built with the chair

I always feel free to discuss any questions I have about classes or materials. The dedication to teaching and support to students shown by professors are one of the best what I have seen so far.

The department is very supportive

I enrolled additional one course to expedite my academic knowledge. As a GTA, I have a waiver for 9 credit hours. However, this additional credit hours have made extra financial pressure on me that I am not able.

3.

I am in a department where it feels like home (Department of Economics); so, even when it feels too tough, I am inspired/ motivated to keep pushing.

All are very supportive

They are excellent in their academic support, behavior, and research.

4.

Definitely getting better now with the picnics and food and the decorations around the department. Would like more get togethers

Best

It’s like a home, where there is a remarkable level of inclusivity and sense of belonging.

Excellent

This program has made me thinking in a smart way like more research more wisdom. The infrastructure are impressive. Texans are extremely amicable.

5.

Inflation has been rough on $1600 a month before insurance is taken out. Even working another job money is tight.

Could have been more supportive in this regard. Especially the insurance cost is bit too much

The 95 dollar enrollment fee for each semester is not acceptable.

6.

All of the time. Professors and faculty utilize a very effective approach which allows gradually improve my skills needed for publishing.

The faculty has always been encouraging

Faculties focus and feel on more research.

7.

n/a

8.

May be I could have been a bit more hardworking

Grading like B or A is not on mark. If student earns 88 marks but grade is B is not acceptable.

9.

Highly competitive - this is a top school.

I still have to gain more knowledge and improve certain skills

10.

This not a fault of the program, but due to personal distractions

11.

Would have appreciated for more financial aid

Hiking price does not match with stipend. Low stipend with 1 month summer funding is rare in USA.

12.

Need more macro professors available for advisors, specifically empirical and committed to the department for the foreseeable future

Has always been excellent on this front

13.

n/a

14.

This not a fault of the program, but due to personal distractions

The program isn't the problem, I am.

15.

Rarely

16.

definetely after the changes made

17.

Workload is too much in first year... No rest

It is subjective on factors like academic background, level of diligence, level of dedication, et.c.

Has improved significantly, lately

18.

n/a

19.

First year

As it has been improvements to the coursework recently, non at this point

20.

n/a

21.

I would be very glad if we have more options of elective courses based on applied microeconomics and behavioral economics.

More macro courses that are not core courses! More macro electives like international finance, trade ect and not just one professor offering them

I believe we have enough variety, probably introducing something related to use of AI would benefit. Having said that students still can work on their own.

Please

22.

n/a

23.

We need a programming course for economic models in R, Stata, Matlab ect

24.

There could be more

25.

No opportunities for internships or field experience in industry

I have been trying for about an year. But no significant progress in this regard, personally.

No such that opportunities.

***Alumni***

1.

Excellent ! I was highly satisfied with the overall quality of the graduate program, as it offered rigorous coursework, and strong faculty support.

2.

The PhD Economics program met my academic expectations by providing a solid foundation in both theoretical and empirical research, along with opportunities for specialized study in my areas of interest.

3.

I would rate the faculty support and mentorship I received as excellent, as they provided consistent guidance, valuable feedback, and encouragement throughout my studies.

4.

I was highly satisfied and fortunate with the research opportunities provided during the program, as they allowed me to engage in meaningful projects and collaborate with faculty of other school at the TTU.

More use of the graduate students as RA's would have been beneficial, but I understand this is not strictly up to faculty (the students also have to qualified/hard working enough for this to justify the salary).

5.

I was fortunate with the teaching opportunities provided during the program, as I was given ample chances to teach and develop my skills as an educator.

6.I would rate the sense of community among students and faculty as strong, with a collaborative and supportive environment that fostered both academic and personal growth.

7.

Offering access to counseling services and promoting a balanced approach between family and an academic life.

8.

The program prepared me well for my current career and further academic pursuits by equipping me with the necessary skills, knowledge, and research experience to excel in my field.

9.

The curriculum was highly relevant to my professional and academic goals. I would rate it 4.75 out of 5, reserving 0.25 for the inclusion of data analytics courses, which significantly enhanced the program and equipped me with valuable skills for my career.

10.

The skills I developed in the program have been highly useful for my current job and academic work, providing a strong foundation in research, and critical thinking that I apply regularly.

I think moving forward, grants are going to become the "new pub" for graduate student job-seekers, or the litmus test of a quality candidate. As the market stood when I graduated, I was extremely competitive coming out of Tech.

11.

Allowing me to connect with professionals in my field through conferences, seminars, and collaborative research projects.

I do not recall any specifically, except maybe the Chipotle lunch.

12.

n/a

13.

I would highly recommend this program to anyone considering graduate studies in economics, as it provides a comprehensive education, robust research opportunities, and exceptional faculty mentorship.

I've already done so, and will continue to point students interested in graduate study in relevant fields to Tech.

14.

Exellent as it thoroughly challenged and prepared me for my post-graduate endeavors by equipping me with strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

15.

Providing me with a solid foundation in both theoretical concepts and practical applications relevant to my field.

16.

I was very satisfied with the opportunities for interdisciplinary studies and collaboration with other departments, which enriched my learning experience and allowed me to explore diverse perspectives and approaches.

It was definitely hard to take courses from other departments, as they needed to be added on top of a full load in Econ.