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Summary Information

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Biographical History

The current Department of Economics was created in 1966 in the Division of Social Sciences[State University of New York at Albany, Undergraduate Bulletin. 1966-67, p. 136.]. By that date, however, economics had been taught at the University for almost 100 years, and a department of economics has existed in one form or another for fifty-five years. The 1868-69 catalogue of the New York State Normal
School included a course in Political Economy, the nineteenth century name for economics. This course, like all Normal School courses, combined the academic subject with pedagogical methodology. In 1890, with the creation of the New York State Normal College and the change in emphasis of the school to a strictly professional program in pedagogy, the Political Economy course content was restricted to the teaching methodology of economics. It was not until 1906 when the State Education Department reorganized the Normal College into a four year liberal arts college that a course in economics, as opposed to teaching methodology, was once again offered. In 1909 the Normal College adopted a departmental structure and economics became part of the joint Department of Government and Economics. Its first chairman was Professor Adam A. Walker. Economics continued to be taught in the Department of Social Studies until 1964, when it became a program in the newly created Division of Social Sciences. Dr. Louis R. Salkever was made acting chair in 1966, his post became permanent in 1967, and he stayed on as chair until 1971. The Department of Economics first appeared in the Graduate Bulletin in 1966, but there was no indication of any graduate degrees being offered. Graduate degrees were first mentioned in 1967 when the department offered a program leading to a Master's Degree. In the Graduate Bulletin of 1968 students seeking doctorates in economics were referred to the Ph.D. program in political economy offered by the School of Public Affairs. That same year, the University Senate approval Ph.D. program in the Department of Economics. The Ph.D.
was first offered in the fall of 1969 [University Senate, "Report of the Graduate Academic Council, July 1, 1967 - June 30, 1968," p. 2.]. The aim of this program was "to prepare productive research scholars competent to teach in a college or university and to conduct economic research for private or public agencies." Concentrations were offered in many fields, including economic theory and doctrine, quantitative economics, economic history, development economics, monetary and fiscal economics, international economics, labor economics, economic organization and social control, and regional economics [State University of New York at Albany, Graduate Bulletin, 1969-70, p. 82.]. A Doctor of Arts program in economics was added in 1971 to prepare students to teach in colleges [University Senate, "Report of the Graduate Academic Council, July 1, 1970 - June 30, 1971, p. 3; State University of New York at Albany, Graduate Bulletin. 1971-72, p. 11-12.]. The program "combined practical experience in teaching economics with a broader academic grounding than that generally required for the Ph.D. degree." The New York State fiscal crisis of the mid-1970's caused the discontinuation of the D.A. program in the 1974-75 academic year. The M.A. and Ph.D. programs continue to be offered.

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**Scope and Contents**

The collection includes publications on econometrics and a proposal for a Doctor of Arts program in economics.

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**Arrangement of the Collection**

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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**Administrative Information**

**Publication Statement**

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Acquisition Information
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