

Faculty of Statistics

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Introduction

General introduction

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 - Dean of the Department: Dr. Tran Thi Bich
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History

In 1956, the University of Finance and Economics, known today as the National Economics University (NEU) was established. At the beginning, the university had only two departments of which one was the Faculty of Finance - Accounting - Statistics, the forerunner of the Department of Statistics today.

Right after the establishment, the Faculty opened 03 short-term statistical courses (18 months) including Industrial Statistics, Agricultural Statistics and Business Statistics to train for more than 100 officers from various governmental bodies.

In 1957, statistics teachers of the Faculty prepared courses on statistics for the undergraduate level. After 1959, the Division of Statistical Theory and the Division of Statistics specializing in different economic activities were founded to train bachelor of statistics.

In 1965, the Department of Statistics was separated from the Faculty of

Finance - Accounting - Statistics. The Department trained four curricula of bachelors of statistics including Industrial Statistics, Civil Construction Statistics, Commerce Statistics, Agriculture Statistics, and 02 courses on Population Statistics.

Since 1985, the Department has made changes in training programs by integrating programs specializing in different economic activities into one program known as the bachelors of Socio - Economic Statistics.

During the period from 1990 to 1999, the Department has 4 divisions, which were Statistical Theory, Economic Statistics, Investment Economics and Insurance Economics. These divisions offered three undergraduate programs including Statistics, Investment Economics, and Insurance Economics.

In 1999, in response to the development of the university, the Divisions of Investment Economics and Insurance Economics were separated from the Department of Statistics, becoming two independent departments.

From 2004 to present, to match demands of the labour market, the Department of Statistics has focused on two training programs including Socio - Economic Statistics and Business Statistics. The Department has offered 30 statistics courses for both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Functions

- ▶ Preparing and teaching courses on statistics for the university in general and the department in particular.
- ▶ Writing textbooks and preparing related materials for courses.
- ▶ Updating training programs including course contents, evaluation methods, and exams with international standards.
- ▶ Doing researches on varieties of socio-economics issues.
- ▶ Offering consultation services for the government and non-governmental organizations.
- ▶ Building capacity for academic staffs

Organization structure and staffs

Currently, the Department of Statistics has 2 Divisions with 20 academic and supporting staffs.

- ▶ Division of Socio-economic Statistics
 - Head of the division: MS. Nguyen Thi Xuan Mai

- Deputy head of the division: Dr. Nguyen Minh Thu
- ▶ Division of Business Statistic
 - Head of the division: MS. Do Van Huan
 - Deputy head of the division: MS. Tran Thi Nga

All academic staffs hold master and PhD degrees (9 PhD and 9 MS). Actually, the Department has 1 Professor, 3 Associate Professors, 5 senior lecturers, 14 junior lecturers, and 2 administrative staffs.

Faculty's activities

Education

- ▶ *Graduate and Post-graduate*
 - PhD in Economics (specializing in Statistics).
 - Master of Statistics
- ▶ *Undergraduate: with 2 majors*
 - Socio-economic Statistics.
 - Business Statistics.

For the past 60 years, more than 6,000 full-time and part-time students have graduated from the Department of Statistics. Being the first department of the university which offered post-graduate training programs, until now, the Department has trained 107PhD, 71MS students. Currently, it has more than 30 students enrolled in Master and PhD programs in Statistics.

Researches and Publications

Lecturers of the Department have implemented hundreds of researches for the government, ministries, and the university. They have carried out many consultation projects in socio-economic issues for national and international organizations. More than 300 articles have been published in well-known journals such as the Journal of Economics & Development, Journal of Economic Research, Economics and Forecast, Figures and Events, National and Banking Tax and international and national workshops.

In the period from 2011 to 2015, academic staffs of the Department have implemented 10 projects of which, some are written in English. Belows are some prominent projects:

- ▶ *“Urban Informal Economy: current status and policy recommendations”* funded by the National Foundation for Science and Technology (NAFOSTED)

- ▶ “*Surveying and evaluating labour market demands for bachelors of statistics in Vietnam*”, funded by NEU.

The Department has enforced the compilation of textbooks. 25 textbooks and several books have been published. The Department has participated in compiling Statistical Dictionary with the General Statistics Office of Vietnam. Below are noticeable textbooks:

- ▶ Statistical Theory;
- ▶ Economics Statistics;
- ▶ Surveys in Social Research;

Recently, lecturers of the Department have published on international well-known journals. Latest articles on ISI journals include:

- ▶ Public Administration and Development (2015): “*Citizen Participation in City Governance: experience from Vietnam*”. Vol. 35, p. 34-45
- ▶ Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy (2012): “*A Propensity Score Matching Analysis on The Impact of International Migration on entrepreneurship in Vietnam*”. Vol.17, Issue. 4, p. 653 – 69

Achievements

With its long history, the Department of Statistics has had proud achievements:

Awards for the Department

The Department received Award Certificates from The Prime Minister and the General Statistics Office. The Department has honoured as Excellent Labor Collective several times. Divisions of the Department awarded the third-class Labor Medal twice, and were recognized as Socialist Labor Group, Excellent Labor Group ... In recent years (from 2013 to 2015), the Department has continuously achieved Excellent Labor Collective and Certificate of Merit from the Principal for fulfillment of the mission.

Individual's awards

01 Department's member was awarded 3rd Labor Medal, 02 was awarded Certificate of Merit from the Prime Minister, 01 was awarded Merit from the Vietnam General Labor Confederation, 03 was awarded Certificate of Merit from the Minister of Education. Teachers of the Department were recognized as “Competitive Soldiers” for 106 times; 20 teachers were awarded Medals for Achievements in Education, 25 teachers were awarded the Medal for Statistics

career, 3 teachers were awarded as“Outstanding Teachers”, 60 teachers were awarded types of Merit, many times teachers are donated for scientific research prize, 01 teacher was awarded Invented Initiatives Certificate.

Activities for Community

With its long history, the Department of Statistics has proven to be one of the leading Faculty, contributing in building the recognition of NEU. In addition to implementing missions assigned by the University in training, researching and doing consultations, the Department of Statistics has involved in many social activities. Specifically:

- ▶ Gratitude Movement: during the war with the American, the university and our Department had to evacuate to rural areas. Today, the Department often organise trips to evacuation places for former teachers and students, as well as provide financial support to help regions in evacuation areas.
- ▶ Regular activities for the community such as giving one day of staff monthly wages to support the poor and providing used clothes for the children and the poor in the remote and mountainous areas.
- ▶ Participating in movements and activities held by the University, the University Labour Union, and the University Youth Union.
- ▶ Organising entertainment activities for the staff such as vacations, spring trips, Children's Day festival for staffs' children, The International Women Day, Vietnamese Women Day, New Year's greetings, Visiting sick members, activities relating to funerals, ... These activities are organised not only for current but also for former staffs of the Department.