Succeed in the workplace

What employers want
The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:
1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services skills workshop.

What can I learn studying ECONOMICS?
- Technical skills for collecting economic data and applying statistical analysis and modeling techniques
- Understand the impact of policies, interest rates, productivity, savings, investment and other economic factors on countries, firms and individuals
- Theoretical frameworks in micro and macroeconomics and econometrics
- Proficiency in mathematics
- Oral and written communication to analyze empirical and theoretical content, create technical and non-technical reports, and present information to a group
- Research skills to analyze information, test hypotheses, impose intellectual discipline, and isolate relevant evidence
- Logical reasoning to systematically approach complex problems, identify important assumptions, and focus on causal factors

Get to know ECONOMICS
Why should you study Economics? At its core, the social science of economics is concerned with the material well-being of human societies. It will help you understand the world in which you live and work. It will equip you to succeed in an increasingly knowledge-based and interdependent global economy. It will allow you to identify, describe and improve the strategies and incentives used by individuals, businesses and governments.

Economics will arm you with the tools to face a surprisingly wide range of problems that affect our everyday lives. Students in economics will learn how to document and value risk, study labour markets and global trade, design and assess government policies, and describe the operation of international currency markets. But there are so many other questions economists can ask. What determines the prices of goods and services? Why do stock and bond prices rise and fall? Why do some people earn so much, while others earn so little? Can carbon taxes slow global warming? How much should you spend or save? Where should you invest your savings? Should you buy a house? How does the tax system affect you, your family and the businesses in your neighbourhood? By showing you how to systematically address these questions and many, many more, economics will help you make better decisions in your personal life, in business and as a global citizen.

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**1ST YEAR**

In first year take ECON 110 or 111 and 112 at Herstmonceux Castle along with MATH 121 or 126.

Each Plan will have at least one required first year course, including minors. It is important to take a variety of first-year courses to keep as many pathways open as possible for you going into second year. For details see the Arts and Science Academic Calendar.

Consider applying to do the Certificate in Business.

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

**2ND YEAR**

In second year take ECON 212, 222, 250 and 255.

Consider the Economic History options, ECON 231 and 232 or 331 and 332. If interested in business, corporate strategy or finance, consider the Commerce options available to students in Applied Economics.

Please see the Academic Calendar to ensure you are taking the correct courses.

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

**3RD YEAR**

In third year take ECON 310, 320 and 351. Applied Economics students are not required to take ECON 320.

Consider the curriculum requirements for completing the Queen's Certificate in Business.

Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

All students select one of the "capstone" seminars, which have a maximum of 15 students, and cover a variety of micro and macroeconomic topics. Applied Economics students take ECON 452.

By fourth year you should be working on your remaining core, option, and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well.

Apply to graduate in SOUS.

**WHERE COULD I GO AFTER GRADUATION?**

Accounting
Actuarial science
Auditing
Banking
Business Administration
Central banking
Credit Management
Demography
Environmental policy
Finance
Graduate studies
Human resources
Immigration services
Insurance
International development
Investment analysis
Labour and industrial relations
Law
Management consulting
Medicine
Monetary/fiscal policy
Natural resource management
Public Administration
Quality control
Real estate
Risk management
Sales analyst
Securities Investment and Trade
Strategic Planning
Teaching
Urban and Regional Planning

Some careers may require additional training.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as the Queen's International Affairs Association (QIAA).

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

The Queen's University International Centre is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree or to leverage your existing cross-cultural experience.

Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through your Faculty's International Office. If exchange isn't for you, come talk to QUIC about some other options to gain international experience.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills. Check QUIC's resources for ideas to go abroad, and volunteer or attend one of their events.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

Grasping with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers in Finance. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services.

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions.

Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships.

**2016 - 2017**

Economics MAJOR MAP

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