Why QUEEN’S?
Economics at Queen’s is widely recognized as one of the leading Economics departments in Canada. Our department has distinguished history, ranks among the top research departments in Canada, and is highly regarded internationally. Most of our MA graduates embark on successful careers.

Program STRUCTURE
Master’s students have to take three required courses and four elective courses and complete a MA essay under the supervision of a faculty member.

The core courses are: Macroeconomic Theory, Microeconomic Theory & Quantitative Methods.

RESEARCH Areas
- Macroeconomics & International Economics
- Industrial Organization and Labour Economics
- Public Resource and Environmental Economics
- Applied Econometrics and Theoretical

Visit the Economics website to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members’ research areas. Typically, students find a supervisor after joining the MA program and in the course of taking their Fall and Winter semester courses, during which most students percolate towards a specific area of research interest.

Recent Placement RECORD

- UBC (PhD)
- University of Minnesota (PhD)
- U of T (PhD)
- Queen’s (PhD)
- Queen’s (Law)

Federal Agencies (20+):
- Finance Canada
- ESDC
- Bank of Canada

Private Sector & Others:
- Livingston International
- Charles River Associates
- TD Bank

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in ECONOMICS?
The Economics MA program prepares students for both applied and theoretical research, and for non-academic careers in both the private and public sectors. The program involves a core of courses in economic theory and quantitative methods, together with a range of specialized electives chosen according to each student’s interest and designed to impart economic knowledge that is at the forefront of the discipline. It also involves an independent research component in the form of a MA essay, which helps students develop intellectual independence that is necessary for continuing professional development. There are opportunities to collaborate with the Smith School of Business, Policy Studies, Law and other departments.
The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

**How to use this map**

**GETTING STARTED**
- Start with key priorities like completing core courses and choosing elective courses that align with your interests and career goals.
- Consider how your course papers can contribute to your MA essay or thesis.
- Find your way through the academic process with help from departmental and School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs professional development workshops, the department Grad Chair and the SGSFA website.

**INTERMEDIATE STAGE**
- Complete your coursework; find a supervisor and begin to research and write your MA essay or thesis.
- Start to think about the audiences for your research.
- If you will be continuing graduate studies, apply for SSHRC and OGS funding.

**WRAPPING UP**
- Complete your MA essay or thesis.
- Consider publication options for your research.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, and interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop.

**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**
A graduate degree in Economics can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
- Knowledge and technical skills
- Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences
- Information management: prioritize, organize, and synthesize large amounts of information
- Time management: meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands
- Project management: develop ideas, gather information, analyze, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation
- Independence and experience as a collaborative worker
- Awareness, an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership: initiative and vision leading people and discussion

**WHERE CAN I GO?**
A Master’s degree in Economics can take your career in many directions. Many of our MA students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master’s students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
- Public sector
- Banking
- Economic research
- Consultancy
- Law
- Statistics
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.
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How do I make the most of my time at Queen’s?

Use the Grad Map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. Everyone’s journey is different - the ideas on the maps are just suggestions to help you explore possibilities. For more support with your professional development, take advantage of the SGSPA professional development framework and the new Individual Development Plan (IDP) process to set customized goals to help you get career ready when you graduate.

Where can I get help?

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the SGSPA website for available resources.

What is the community like?

At Queen’s, graduate students from all disciplines learn and discover in a close-knit intellectual community. You will find friends, peers and support among the graduate students enrolled in Queen’s more than 130 graduate programs within 50+ departments & research centres. With the world’s best scholars, prize-winning professional development opportunities, excellent funding packages and life in the affordable, historic waterfront city of Kingston, Queen’s offers a wonderful environment for graduate studies. Queen’s is an integral part of the Kingston community, with the campus nestled in the core of the city, only a 10-minute walk to downtown with its shopping, dining and waterfront. For more about Kingston’s history and culture, see Queen’s University’s Discover Kingston page.

Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
• Most students accepted for admission to our M.A. program possess an honours bachelor degree with a major concentration in economics. Applicants who do not possess a degree in economics must be able to demonstrate a strong background in economics.
• Grade requirements: an average of 80% in core courses is typically competitive.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
• List of courses and marks in economics, math, and statistics.
• Two official transcripts.
• 2 academic reference letters
• A Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score may be required for international applicants.
• If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening. The following minimum scores are required: (1) TOEFL iBT: Writing (24/30); Speaking (22/30); Reading (22/30); Listening (20/30). Applicants must have the minimum score in each test as well as the minimum overall score, or (2) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module overall band score and a 7.0 for each test band), or (3) PTE Academics: 65, or (4) CAEL CE -70 (minimum overall score).

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
• Application due: Februrary 1st, 2022.
• Notification of acceptance: End of February and onwards.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

What about FUNDING?

Most M.A. students in Economics receive funding in the form of Scholarships and Teaching Assistantships. The amount of funding varies, depending on the strength of the application package. The minimum funding package provided for 2019 was $15,000.

Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically issue a one time $5,000 top-up to Masters winners of federal government tri-council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs’ information on awards and scholarships.