

# Economics

What determines the prices of goods and services? How do individuals decide how much to spend and save? How can government policies help reduce environmental pollution? These are questions we all face every day. Economics is our attempt to analyze and understand them. Often seen as being all about money, at its more basic level, economics is concerned with the material well-being of human societies.

## TOP 5 Reasons to study Economics

- 1 Study in one of the top research departments in Canada.
- 2 Develop research, analytical, leadership, and creative thinking skills.
- 3 Learn how to address complex local, national, and international economic problems.
- 4 Learn how to apply appropriate quantitative methods to a range of economic issues.
- 5 Develop a deeper understanding of the economy and the world around you.

### Alumni Story

David Card earned his BAH in Economics at Queen's. He has made fundamental research contributions on the impacts of immigration on labour market wages, unemployment, job training, and inequality. Currently the director at the National Bureau of Economic Research and a professor in California, Card was the co-recipient of the IZA Prize in Labor Economics, as well as a recipient of the American Economic Association's John Bates Clark Prize.

## TOP ALUMNI JOBS

6% of alumni work in **LAW**

10% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT**

10% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

40% of alumni work in **BANKING & INVESTMENT**

Add a **Certificate**

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

[QUartsci.com/certs](https://quartsci.com/certs)

## 2023-24 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit [quartsci.com/planselection](https://quartsci.com/planselection)

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the [Experiential Learning website](#). You can also reach out to the team directly at [asc.el@queensu.ca](mailto:asc.el@queensu.ca).

## Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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2023-2024

# Economics MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR



## How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. 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.



## 3RD YEAR

chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Economics. Meet with [Academic Advisor](#) to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

Interested, apply for an [Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship \(USSRF\)](#). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month [QUIP Internship](#) between your third and fourth year. Entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the [Queen's Innovation Connector](#) or [Summer Initiative \(QICSI\)](#).

targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group [Queen's Connects](#). Check out Career Services [networking workshops](#).

Connect with professors at social and academic events hosted by the DSC.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (e.g. the LSAT or GMAT) and get [help thinking about Grad School](#) from Career Services.

## 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to [Graduate School](#) or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take [ASCX 400](#) and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

About two-thirds of ECON graduates find jobs in the public service or financial sector. Investigate internships or full-time jobs related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills [workshop](#) for help.

Consider joining professional associations like the [Canadian Economics Association](#), the [Canadian Association for Business and Economics](#), or the [Canadian Bankers Association](#).

Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Economics.

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.

Apply for the [Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston \(QCA:K\)](#).

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

### What will I learn?

A degree in Economics can equip you with:

- Technical skills for collecting economic data and applying statistical analysis and modelling 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

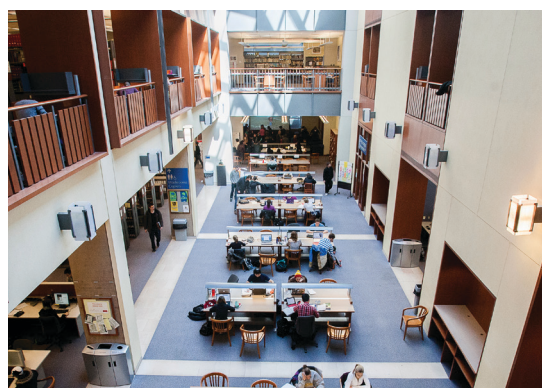
### Where can I go?

A degree in Economics can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Accounting
- Business administration
- Credit management
- Finance
- Insurance
- Investment analysis
- Monetary/fiscal policy
- Risk management
- Strategic Planning

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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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

## Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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# QUIP QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## START DATES

in May, September,  
or January

## POSITIONS

are paid and  
full-time

## WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months  
long

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

## ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

## WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

## SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact [quip@queensu.ca](mailto:quip@queensu.ca) or visit the [Program Website](#).

## Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

*We're closer than you think.*

