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.

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


That is a degree from Queen's.

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In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Economics along with some electives. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!

Start going deeper into the discipline of Economics, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as International Studies. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help. Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the Dean's Changemaker Challenge (ASCX 200/300).

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

Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen's Capital, and the Queen's Project on International Development (QPID). See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study. Take more responsibility within different extracurriculars, such as Queen's Model Parliament. ECON majors are often found in the top positions in ASUS and the AMS.

If 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 or entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

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

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC) as a class representative, year representative, or on the executive team. Go to workshops and conferences hosted by the Economics Department.

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

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to 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 third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

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

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

Explore different careers of interest in the Career Services Resource Area. 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.

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.
CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

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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 workshops 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).

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.
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.