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

2022-23 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


That is a degree from Queen's.

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# Economics MAJOR MAP

## 1ST YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - 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.
- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen's Capital and the Queen's Project on International Development (QPED).
  - See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.
- **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**
  - Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking Queen's Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
  - Speak to a QIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.
- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

## 2ND YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - Start going deeper into the discipline of Economics, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as International Studies.
  - Attend Degree x, the Fall term to 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.
- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - 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.
- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC) as a class representative, year representative, or on the executive. Go to workshops and conferences hosted by the Economics Department.
- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - In an exchange or internship? Consider applying to a 12-16 month Quesnell Initiative for Study and Research Fellowship (QUIP) at universities around the world. Depending on your exchange, you may be able to be enrolled in the mandatory summer class, Economics of International Trade, if you have an upper-year standing.
  - Build your intercultural competence and identify the areas of interest you would like to pursue.
- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - 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.

## 3RD YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep in 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.
- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
  - If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (SSIP). Consider applying to 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)
  - Do 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.
- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Consider joining professional associations such as 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.
- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.
  - 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.
- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - 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 QSS scholarships.

## 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - 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).
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## What will I learn?
A degree in Economics can equip you with:
- 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.

## 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.

## 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.
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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.

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.