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.

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.

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.

TOP 5 REASONS to study ECONOMICS

10% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT
10% of alumni work in EDUCATION
40% of alumni work in BANKING & INVESTMENT
6% of alumni work in LAW

2020-21 major 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.
econ.queensu.ca
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR

2021-2022

GRADUATION FOR LIFE AFTER GLOBALLY THINKING COMMUNITY WITH THE EXPERIENCE

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 (QPD).

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 QUC’s Intercultural Awareness Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

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

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 Resource Area, such as Careers in Finance. For more information check out Career Counseling or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

2ND YEAR

Start going deeper into the discipline of Economics, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as International Studies. Attend Degree + in 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.

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 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 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.

3RD YEAR

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.

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).

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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).

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.

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.

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 economics
- 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

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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.