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
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That is a degree from Queen’s.

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2ND YEAR

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GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUEL’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.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

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.

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connect.

Check out Career Services networking workshops.

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

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

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.

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

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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).

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, pose 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

Career Cruising helps you ask questions and look into careers or topics of interest in Economics.

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, teaching, internships, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions. Apply in the fall for OGS and USSRF scholarships.

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

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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.
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.

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.