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Economics MAJOR MAP *

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**1ST YEAR**
- 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.

**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 EASE (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

**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).

**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.

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
- Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen’s Capital, the Queen’s Project on International Development (QPID).
- See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
- 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. Go to workshops and conferences hosted by the Economics Department.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
- 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.

**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 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.
- Interview for summer jobs on or off-campus where you would like to work.

**CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP**
- 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.

**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.
  - Understanding 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.

**Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!**

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online tool.