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.

ECONOMICS is one of the most influential disciplines of the 20th and 21st centuries. It is the science of choice and has played a central role in the development of modern economic systems. The field is characterized by a set of core concepts and principles that help us understand how economies function and how people make decisions. In this program, students will acquire the skills necessary to analyze economic problems and develop strategies to address them. They will also gain practical experience through internships and co-op placements.

The program is offered within the Department of Economics at Queen's University. Students will have the opportunity to work with faculty members who are experts in their fields and to participate in cutting-edge research. In addition, they will have access to a variety of resources and support services, including access to the university's extensive library, financial aid opportunities, and career planning services.

The curriculum includes a broad range of courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, international trade, and finance. Students will also take courses in statistics, mathematics, and computer science, which are essential for success in the field.

Graduates of this program will be well-prepared for careers in a variety of fields, including finance, consulting, government, and academia. They will also be well-equipped to pursue further studies in economics or related fields.

The Department of Economics offers both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. The Bachelor of Arts degree provides students with a more flexible curriculum, while the Bachelor of Science degree offers a more rigorous and specialized program.

In the Bachelor of Arts program, students can choose a concentration in either general economics or business economics. The Bachelor of Science program offers concentrations in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international trade. Students can also choose to specialize in a particular area of economics, such as financial economics or labor economics.

The program is designed to prepare students for a wide range of careers, including positions in government, finance, investment banking, and consulting firms. Graduates may also choose to pursue graduate studies in economics or related fields.

The Department of Economics at Queen's University is committed to providing a high-quality education to its students. The program is designed to be both challenging and engaging, and is supported by a dedicated faculty and staff.

The program is located in Kingston, Ontario, a city with a rich history and a vibrant cultural scene. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy the many amenities of the city, including a variety of dining options, cultural events, and outdoor activities.

In conclusion, the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics at Queen's University are excellent choices for students who are interested in pursuing a career in economics or related fields. The program offers a rigorous curriculum, dedicated faculty, and a supportive learning environment, all of which will prepare students for success in their chosen careers.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the program, please feel free to contact us. We would be happy to provide you with more information and answer any questions you may have.

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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.

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.

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.

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 thinking globally 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.

Grappling 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 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.

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

*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 My Major Map tool.*
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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.

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

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