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.

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: Quartsci.com/academic-calendar
# APPLIED 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.
  - See the back page for specific courses to consider.
  - Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

## 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+ 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.

## 3RD YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - 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 — for some ideas, see the back page.

## 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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## GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
- **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.**

## GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
- **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
- **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 READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
- **Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.**

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### What will I learn?
- A degree in Economics can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
  - 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.