ECONOMICS
Major, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) | degree PLAN

Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- ECON 110/6.0 or (ECON 111/3.0 and ECON 112/3.0)
- 6.0 units from MATH 120/6.0, MATH 121/6.0, MATH 126/6.0 or (MATH 123/3.0 and MATH 124/3.0)
- 18.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- ECON 212/3.0
- ECON 222/3.0
- ECON 255/3.0
- ECON 250/3.0 or STAT 263/3.0
- 6.0 units of ECON options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- ECON 310/3.0
- ECON 320/3.0
- ECON 351/3.0
- 9.0 units of ECON options
- 18.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- 3.0 units from ECON at any level
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

Seminar Option
- 3.0 units from ECON 480/3.0 to ECON 499/3.0
- 12.0 units from ECON at the 400 level
OR
Thesis Option
- ECON 590/6.0
- 9.0 units from ECON at the 400 level

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

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.

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2018-19 thresholds
1.9 cGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
min C in ECON 1##
0.7 cGPA PENDING LIST
min pass in ECON 1##
*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit: quartsci.com
ECONOMICS MAJOR MAP

1ST YEAR
- 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.
- Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen’s Capital, and the Queen’s Project on International Development (QPID).
- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as the Queen’s International Affairs Association (QIAA).
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
- Look into summer jobs for talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work Study.
- 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.
- 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.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers in Finance. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

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 SAS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.
- Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen’s Model Parliament ECON majors are often found in the top positions in ASUS and the AMS.
- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
- 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).
- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
- 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.

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 — for some ideas, see the back page.
- 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).
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship.
- 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.
- Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Economics Association, the Canadian Association for Business and Economics, or the Canadian Bankers Association.

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.
- Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.

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
  - 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.