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.

**Top 5 Reasons to study Economics**

1. Study in one of the top research departments in Canada.
2. Develop research, analytical, leadership, and creative thinking skills.
3. Learn how to address complex local, national, and international economic problems.
4. Learn how to apply appropriate quantitative methods to a range of economic issues.
5. Develop a deeper understanding of the economy and the world around you.

**Alumni Jobs**

- 6% of alumni work in Law
- 10% of alumni work in Education
- 10% of alumni work in Government
- 24% of alumni work in Banking & Investment

**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.

**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](http://QUartsci.com)*
**APPLIED ECONOMICS MAJOR MAP**

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### 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.

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).
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or interests.

GET THINKING GLOALLY
- 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.
- 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.

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### 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.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
- Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. 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.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
- 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 Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.
- Connect with professors at social and academic events hosted by the DSC.

GET THINKING GLOALLY
- 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.

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### 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.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
- 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).
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- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Economics.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY
- Connect with professors at social and academic events hosted by the DSC.
- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

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- Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships.

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### 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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**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.
## 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 APEC options at the 200 level or above
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

### 3RD YEAR
- ECON 310/3.0
- ECON 351/3.0
- 12.0 units of APEC options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

### 4TH YEAR
- ECON 452/3.0
- 6.0 units from ECON at the 300 level or above
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

#### Seminar Option
- 3.0 units from ECON 480/3.0 to ECON 499/3.0
- 6.0 units from ECON at the 400 level

#### Thesis Option
- ECON 590/6.0
- 3.0 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