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

**David Card**

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: QUartscl.com
### 1st Year

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### 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.

### 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.

### 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).

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- **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 QUC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.**
- **Speak to a QUC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.**

### 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.**
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### Get Thinking Globally

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### Get Ready for Life After Graduation

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- **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.**
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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
- 12.0 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