

Economics (BA, BSc)

Consider a degree in economics if you are an avid follower of national and international news or are passionate about the business and finance sectors. While at first glance economics may seem to be all about money, it is fundamentally a people-focused subject.

Economics has been classically defined as “the study of people in the ordinary business of life.” Life, for all of us, involves dealing with a never-ending series of choices and questions. How do I spend time this week? Should I start a family, and if so when? Is the overpriced popcorn at the movies worth it? What's a good way to encourage people to donate more organs? Economics provides a compelling way to think critically about any issue where people are involved in making decisions, whether it's government policies that affect the entire country or the smallest personal issue. Regardless of whether the discussion deals with inequality and unemployment, or topics like the environment, sports, health care, and discrimination, the tools provided by economics gives you the ability to analyze the issue and put forth an informed opinion.

The mission of the Department of Economics is to create an environment where you develop the skills and insights expected of a modern economist educated in the liberal arts tradition, and where an interaction is fostered that promotes teaching, research, and service, all in a technologically-rich environment.

Be Inspired

Economics at Acadia offers a range of options including both the BA and the BSc with major, double major, and honours, plus other joint programs with business and computer science. It also participates in Acadia's award-winning co-operative education program through which you receive credit for paid work experience related to economics.

The most common jobs open to you upon graduation are in banking, provincial, federal and municipal government, consulting and numerous private sector firms. Starting salaries for economics graduates tend to be above average for university graduates. Our graduates also have an excellent track record in terms of moving on to graduate work in economics, including at institutions such as Oxford, Toronto, UBC, and Queen's, but also in other areas such as finance, law, and medicine.

Future Careers

- Actuary
- Banking professional
- Budget analyst

- Civil servant, at the municipal, provincial and federal levels
- Economist
- Financial analyst

- Industry analyst
- Market research analyst
- Operations research systems analyst
- Policy analyst
- Sales engineer
- Urban planner

First Year at a Glance (BA)

Semester One

ECON 1013

Microeconomic Principles

ENGL 1413

Writing & Reading Critically 1

MATH 1613

General Linear Algebra & Calculus for ECON/BUSI

LANG xx13

Language other than English

HUMANITIES xx13

Intro humanities course

Semester Two

ECON 1023

Macroeconomic Principles

ENGL 1423

Writing & Reading Critically 2

SCIENCE xxx3

Introductory science course

LANG xx23

Language other than English

HUMANITIES xx23

Intro humanities course

First Year at a Glance (BSc)

Semester One

ECON 1013

Microeconomic Principles

MATH 1013

Introductory Calculus 1

Choose 9 credit-hours of electives

Semester Two

ECON 1023

Macroeconomic Principles

MATH 1023

Introductory Calculus 2

Choose 9 credit-hours of electives



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Co-op Program: Yes

Honours: Thesis-based, with research

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