

# ECONOMICS

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## Departmental Notes

*Subject Code for Applied Economics:* **APEC**

*Subject Code for Economics:* **ECON**

*Subject Code for Politics-Philosophy-Economics:* **PPEC**

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## Overview

The Economics Department at Queen's has a long tradition as one of Canada's leading teaching and research centres in economics. The undergraduate programs we offer promote a comprehensive investigation of many aspects of the subject, with an emphasis on contemporary analytical principles and methods. Those who pursue a concentration in economics or applied economics will take courses in advanced economic analysis, statistical techniques, the historical background of today's economies, and the application of economic theory to public finance, international relations, natural resources and the environment, business cycles, labour markets, and the economic systems of other countries. Economics students at Queen's acquire a diverse portfolio of analytical, quantitative, computational, and communications skills that provide excellent preparation for a wide range of post-graduation education and career opportunities. Our recent graduates have pursued graduate studies in economics and professional programs such as finance, business administration, public administration, law, industrial relations, information technology, and resource management, and they have embarked on careers in the private sector, with non-governmental organizations and with the public sector in key positions of responsibility at all three levels of government.

## Advice to Students

### First Year Mathematics

All Economics Plans require a supporting course in first year calculus. Normally this course is taken in first year. Students choose MATH 126 (for those without any prior knowledge of calculus) or MATH 121 (for those who have taken calculus in high school). The calculus courses MATH 120 or (MATH 123 and MATH 124) may also be accepted. Note that first year calculus is a corequisite for ECON 212, ECON 222, and ECON 250 and a prerequisite for ECON 255 and all third- and fourth-year economics courses.

### Elective Courses

The Department provides several options for students studying other subjects who wish to take one or more courses in economics. Students wishing to take a 200-level course should take ECON 111 or ECON 112 as required, followed by the 200-level course of interest. All Economics Plans require ECON 110, or ECON 111 and ECON 112.

## Special Study Opportunities

**Study Abroad Option at Bader College** (<https://www.queensu.ca/bisc/>) **(formerly the BISC) or on Exchange** Economics Majors and Joint Honours who plan to attend the BISC or go on exchange should do so before their fourth year. These students should plan to have completed by the end of their third year:

1. a total of at least 84.00 units;
2. all 300-level ECON courses required for their Plan, with particular emphasis on ECON 310, ECON 320 and ECON 351;
3. at least 42.00 ECON units in the case of ECON and APEC Majors, and at least 27.00 ECON units in the case of ECON Joint Honours.