

Course # & Title	MPA804 - Principles of Economics		
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Format	Asynchronous online delivery with live office hours twice a week (recorded and shared)		
Grading Scheme	Recap questions: 10% Peer discussions: 20% Quizzes: 35% Final exam: 35% (subject to change until the course start date)		

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Define social well-being and understand how social programs, public policies, and development projects aim to improve it
- Learn the fundamental concepts in microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Apply microeconomics in the analysis of social programs and development projects
- Learn about the macroeconomic tools for the design and evaluation of public policies
- Integrate measures of equity (gender & more) and conservation (ecosystem services & more) in economic analysis
- Conduct financial analysis to assess the financial sustainability of projects and policies

Successful completion of this course qualifies students to receive the certificate for the completion of CPIA - Foundations of Impact course. CPIA (Certified Professional Impact Analyst) is a professional designation. To obtain the CPIA designation, candidates must complete three courses. The other two courses are also offered as elective or required courses in the MPA or PMPA program at Queen's University.

COURSE TOPICS

Introduction to integrated analysis of social programs, public policies, and development projects
 Microeconomic Foundations
 Macroeconomic Foundations
 Fundamentals of Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA)
 Advanced Topics in CBA
 Measuring costs & benefits of macroeconomic policy
 Examples in different sectors

SELECTED COURSE TEXTS & READINGS

Mandatory readings are short and distributed throughout the course

Optional readings:

- Adler, Matthew D., and Marc Fleurbaey, eds. The Oxford handbook of well-being and public policy. Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Wheelan, Charles. Naked economics: Undressing the dismal science. WW Norton & Company, 2019.