

2023-2024 Program Handbook: Post-Baccalaureate in Economics



This handbook is intended to provide answers to some of the questions that you might have both before and during your time as a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma (“Post-Bac”) student at Carleton. If you cannot find the answer to your question here, for questions of an academic nature, please contact Professor Maya Papineau-Koritar, M.A. Supervisor, at maya.papineau@carleton.ca and for questions of an administrative nature, please contact Renée Lortie, Graduate Administrator, at renee.lortie@carleton.ca.

Admission Information

The Post-Baccalaureate program is intended for students holding bachelor’s degrees from other disciplines who wish to gain a deeper understanding of advanced topics in economics as well as for students seeking additional preparation for graduate studies in economics.

Admission into the program requires applicants to hold an undergraduate degree from a recognized university with a minimum B+ average, preferably with Honours. It is strongly recommended that applicants have successfully completed university-level introductory (micro-and macro-) economics, calculus, and linear algebra with a grade of B+ or higher in each.

For more information on admission requirements, please refer to the 2023-2024 Undergraduate Calendar found here: <https://carleton.ca/economics/post-bac-diploma-program/>

Language Requirement

All applicants holding degrees (with a minimum of three years of study) from countries where English is not the primary language must present English Language Proficiency test results. Recognized tests and minimum requirements are:

- Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL) with a minimum score of 70 overall, with no less than 60 for each band score.
- TOEFL score with no less than 86 total (22 in writing and speaking, 20 in reading and listening).
- IELTS (Academic) with no less than 6.5 overall and no less than 6.0 in each band score.
- Personal Test of English (PTE) Academic with no less than an overall score of 60 (and no less than 60 in each communication skill scoring).
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) with no less than 85 overall and a minimum score of 80 in each section.

For more information on language requirements, please contact the Graduate Administrator, Renée Lortie.

Please note that language proficiency requirements for the Department of Economics do differ from standards for general admission and other programs at Carleton University.

Post-Bac Program Structure and Requirements

The typical Post-Bac program consists of six core courses with one additional credit. The **six core courses** of the Post-Bac program are ECON 4001 (Mathematical Analysis in Economics), ECON 4002 (Statistical Analysis in Economics), ECON 4020 (Advanced Microeconomic Theory), ECON 4021 (Advanced Macroeconomic Theory), ECON 4706 (Econometrics I), and ECON 4990 (Research and Writing in Economics).

A candidate for a post-baccalaureate diploma must obtain a grade of C- or higher in each course taken in fulfillment of the program requirements.

Students will then have the option of taking 1.0 credit of 4000-level electives in Economics. ECON 3001 can be counted as an elective subject to prior approval of the M.A Supervisor.

Please Note: Students with undergraduate degrees completed outside Canada, the United States, or the United Kingdom may be required to take **ESLA 1906** instead of one elective. As such, students would be required to take the six core courses, one elective (worth 0.5 credits), and ESLA 1906.

Registration

Carleton Central central.carleton.ca, our Web-based information system, is the registration tool for Carleton University. Through Carleton Central, you will be able to register for courses, review detailed fee information, display your grades for any academic session, create your timetable, change your address, and much more. Information and instructions on how to register can be obtained at carleton.ca/registrar/registration.

In order to register you will have to have all your conditions of admission removed.

Please send the documents required to remove your “Condition on Admission” to:

Undergraduate Admissions
315 Robertson Hall
Carleton University
1125 Colonel by Drive
Ottawa, ON
Canada K1S 5B6

You must register for both the lecture section of each course as well as any associated tutorial section or your registration will not be complete.

Course Selection

Please see below for a comprehensive list of relevant courses offered for the 2023-2024 academic year. In the event of changes to this list, updates will be made available on the Department of Economics website.

You can consult the most up-to-date course offerings here:

<https://carleton.ca/economics/courses/undergraduate-offerings/>
<https://carleton.ca/economics/courses/undergraduate-course-outlines/>

Core Courses: Please note that ECON 4001 and ECON 4002 will only be offered in the fall term and ECON 4990 will only be offered in the winter term. ECON 4020 and ECON 4706 are offered in both the fall and winter terms.

Electives: Please see below for course options that may fulfill the elective requirements for the Post-Bac program.

Fall 2023:

ECON4230 (Economic History), ECON 4507 (The Economics of Development), ECON 4508 (International Aspect of Economic Development), ECON 4601 (International Trade Theory & Policy) and ECON 4602 (International Monetary Theory and Policy).

Winter 2024:

ECON 4051 (Financial Asset Pricing), ECON 4052 (Corporate Financial Economics), ECON 4057 (Behavioural Financial Economics), ECON 4301 (Market Structure and Firm Behaviour), ECON 4360 (Labour Economics), ECON 4460 (Health Economics), ECON 4601 (International Trade Theory and Policy), ECON 4507 (The Economics of Development) and ECON 4707 (Econometrics II).

Progression to Master of Arts Program

Upon successful completion of the Post-Baccalaureate program, students with high standing have the option to apply to the M.A. Economics program. Students must achieve a CGPA of at least B+ in the Post-Bac program to be considered for admission into the M.A. program. Students with grades below B- in core courses will not be considered for admission to the M.A. program.

Additional Information and Resources

Undergraduate Calendar: For additional program information, university regulations, and important dates please see the Undergraduate Student Calendar – available here: <https://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/>

Local residential and e-mail addresses

Students must inform the Graduate Administrator of their local residential address and telephone number and are responsible for updating this information on Carleton Central. New students will need to activate their [MyCarletonOne account](#) through Carleton Central to get their new Carleton email. Once you have followed the steps provided, you will be granted your new Carleton email account. Instructions for use can be found at carleton.ca/ccs/all-services/email/carleton-student-email.

It is your responsibility to activate this account as soon as you are registered, and you must use this account for all communication with the M.A. Supervisor and the Graduate Administrator.

The only exception to this rule is if you have a verifiable, institutional email account—e.g., one provided by the federal government, an international organization, a large private sector firm, etc. In such a case, you must inform the Graduate Administrator of this alternative e-mail and ensure that you set up an auto-forward from your Carleton email account to that other account.

International Student Orientation

International students new to Carleton University are encouraged to attend an orientation session hosted by Carleton's International Student Services Office (ISSO).

More information on this event and international student orientation is available here:

<https://carleton.ca/isso/new-students/i-start-orientation/>

For details and more information on other services available to international students, please visit the ISSO website at <https://carleton.ca/isso/>

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