

Make your mark

Economics touches almost every aspect of our lives. Whether it is shopping, planning a career, or getting a loan, economic principles are at the core of how these choices are made.

Carleton's Bachelor of Economics is a unique degree in Canada with enhanced emphasis on student training, experiential learning and student support. We focus on the art and science of decision-making, the mysteries of price formation and the functioning of economies.

Join us to your mark in economics after gaining highly marketable skills working with cutting-edge computational and statistical methods.



Economics (BEcon)



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
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Economics (BEcon)



Co-op available

Economics provides causal insights backed by rigorous analysis into important societal issues such as health care, protecting the environment, reducing inequality, universal basic income, the design of social programs, tax systems, monetary and fiscal policies and trade agreements, among others.

In Carleton's Bachelor of Economics (BEcon), you will be fully engaged in discovering solutions to some of the major challenges of the 21st century like global inequality and hunger, economic development through empowerment of women, education, health, immigration, and climate change.

Shape your degree for your goals

Focus your studies in a particular area by adding one or a combination of two concentrations, or choose a double major or minor to suit your diverse interests and professional goals.

- Computational Analysis; Economic Data Science
- Financial Economics
- Development; International Political Economy; Natural Resources, Environment and Economy
- Economic Theory; Mathematics and Quantitative Economics

Under the guidance of our award-winning faculty, a Carleton economics team has placed among the top 5 in the nation-wide Bank of Canada Governor's challenge competition two years in a row!

A BEcon Combined Honours is also available for students who wish to study both Economics and another eligible discipline. We also offer courses on various relevant topics outside of concentrations, such as health economics and pandemics or behavioural economics. We offer specialized experiential learning courses on research methods and professional practices.

Gain practical experience

We provide hands-on experience through Co-op or practicum and internship placement opportunities across the National Capital Region and beyond. You can also get involved in research by assisting faculty with their projects or in our economics laboratory.

Benefit from our ideal location

Our ideal location in Ottawa gives you unique access to a range of resources, including our strong alumni network, a growing high-tech sector and national research facilities and libraries. The connections you will develop at Carleton will shape your life in exciting ways for many years to come!

Economics is a sought after degree that boasts one of the highest starting salaries and there are so many reasons to study it at Carleton.

Our graduates can be found working across a variety of federal and provincial government departments and agencies, as well as private sector businesses and associations, including:

"I was attracted to the diverse range of economics courses taught at Carleton, especially those concerning international trade and international finance. I also valued the opportunity to conduct economic research in macroeconomics and microeconomics during my final year of undergraduate study."

Adam Ranallo,
Economics student

"I have had the pleasure of learning from a very committed group of professors who have always pushed me to develop technical skills in addition to critical thinking skills, both of which are essential in the field of Economics. I learned to apply these skills in my coursework, in my co-op jobs, through my completion of research papers and through my participation in the Bank of Canada Governor's Challenge."

James Cabral,
Economics student

"Carleton's Economics Program is really a place where I got to thrive and I hope you will too. It has a warm and friendly atmosphere. Some of my fondest memories include having coffee chats with my favourite professors, lounging with classmates in the lively economics lounge and leading the economics society, where I was able to make some of my closest friends."

Sabreen Sidhu,
Economics student

Your career



- Government ● Finance, Insurance, Property ● Other Services Industries
- ▨ Professions ● Media, Communication, IT ▨ Education
- Resources, Manufacturing, Trades ● Health Care, Social Support

This graph shows the employment sectors of some of the Economics graduates that we followed. Some students in this sample will have also completed other degrees, including at more advanced levels. Individual experiences and outcomes can differ from those represented here.

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Bank of Canada and other banks
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- Canadian consulting firms and NGOs
- Department of Finance Canada
- financial institutions and insurance companies
- private-sector businesses (including high-tech)
- Statistics Canada and Global Affairs Canada