

2021 - 2022 Program Handbook: Graduate Diploma in Economic Policy



This handbook is intended to provide answers to some of the questions that you might have both before and during your time as a Graduate Diploma in Economic Policy (“GDip”) student at Carleton. If you cannot find the answer to your question here, please ask for an appropriate person. For questions of an academic nature, please contact Professor Hashmat Khan, GDip Supervisor, at hashmat.khan@carleton.ca and for questions of an administrative nature please contact Najia Haneefi, Graduate Administrator, at najia_haneefi@carleton.ca.

Admission Information

The Graduate Diploma (GDip) in Economic Policy is a part-time program designed to expose anyone with an undergraduate degree and at least some formal training in undergraduate economics to a wide range of issues related to the formulation of economic policy. A variety of topics such as new and emerging policy insights, frameworks, and evidence informing economic policy design will be covered. **All courses in this program will be delivered remotely.**

The **Type 2** GDip (Concurrent): Current students can apply to take the Graduate Diploma in Economic Policy concurrently with their home degree, provided that the two program supervisors agree that the shared 1.0 credit of overlap in electives meet the learning outcomes of both programs.

The **Type 3** GDip (Direct Entry): GDip will lead to a stand-alone credential in economic policy for professional or academic purposes.

This is intended to be a part-time program, with the expectation that most students will enroll in winter and complete the Graduate Diploma by the end of summer, although students can enter in any term.

Admissions Criteria: The minimum requirement for admission is an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 9.0 (out of 12) or higher, successfully completed university level introductory (Microeconomics and Macroeconomics) with a grade of C+ or higher in each, and permission of the Department of Economics. It is highly recommended that applicants have successfully completed university-level calculus and linear algebra.

Students who maintain an average of B+ or higher during the course of their Graduate Diploma would be given strong consideration for admission to Carleton’s Master’s program in Economics if the application satisfies the MA admission criteria. The applicant may be admitted to the extended M.A. program if the applicant meets most admission requirements but is missing some advanced coursework in Economics.

Graduate Diploma Program Structure and Requirements

The Graduate Diploma in Economic Policy is a 2.0 credit program.

Core Course: ECON 5060 - Economic Analysis of Public Policy (0.5 credit)

Experiential learning is a key part of this program through the implementation of applied research projects in the core course. It is expected that ECON 5060 will be offered once every academic year.

Eligible GDip Electives: Students select the remaining 1.5 credits (three courses) from the following list of eligible GDIP elective courses:

- ECON 5061 – Central Banking: Theory, Practice, and Recent Challenges
- ECON 5062 – Fiscal Policy in Canada: Practice and Challenges
- ECON 5063 – Innovation Policy and Economic Growth
- ECON 5064 – Economic Policy Formulation and Evaluation
- ECON 5065 – Selected Topics in Economic Policy

Students should complete their Graduate Diploma in Economic Policy program requirements within two terms of study. A candidate for a GDip must obtain a grade of B- or higher in each course taken in fulfillment of the program requirements.

Course descriptions are listed in the Graduate Calendar.

2021-2022 GDip Course Offerings

Fall 2021: ECON 5061

Winter 2022: ECON 5060, ECON 5064 (TBC)

In the event of changes to this list, updates will be made available on the Department of Economics website. Please note that ECON 5060 will be offered only in Winter 2022 and at least three approved GDip elective courses will be offered every academic year.

Students in the GDip program may be permitted to take up to two one-term courses (1.0 credit) at the 5000-level related to economic policy offered outside the Department of Economics. To do so, you will need the permission of the GDip Supervisor for Economics (Professor Hashmat Khan) as well as permission from the MA Supervisor and Graduate Administrator of the other academic unit.

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.

Conditions on Admission: Often, students accepted to the GDip program will be accepted with certain conditions. These conditions are nearly always related to official transcripts or language proficiency. In order to register for courses, all the conditions on an offer of admission must be met and verified by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. If you have questions about conditions or want directions on how they can be removed, please contact the Graduate Administrator at najia_haneefi@carleton.ca.

Additional Information and Resources

Fees: Please note that the GDip students are not funded. Tuition fee information is available at <https://carleton.ca/studentaccounts/tuition-fees/>

English Requirements: Applicants whose first language is not English may also need to submit proof of English Language Proficiency and must satisfy this requirement in one of the following ways:

- (i) An overall score of 70 on the Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Assessment;
- (ii) A TOEFL score of 100 IBT overall with a minimum score in each component of writing: 24; speaking: 24; reading: 24; and listening: 24;
- (iii) An overall IELTS score of 7.0, with a minimum of 6.5 in each band score.

For more information on admission requirements, please refer to the 2020-2021 graduate Calendar found here:

[https://calendar.carleton.ca/grad/gradprograms/economics/#Graduate Diploma in Economic Policy](https://calendar.carleton.ca/grad/gradprograms/economics/#Graduate_Diploma_in_Economic_Policy)

E-mail addresses: New students will need to activate their [MyCarletonOne account](#) through Carleton Central to get their new Carleton e-mail. You simply need to log into Carleton Central and activate your new [MyCarletonOne account](#). Once you have followed the steps provided, you will be granted your new Carleton e-mail 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. You must also use this account for all communication with the GDip Supervisor and the Graduate Administrator.

The only exception to this rule is if you have a verifiable, institutional e-mail 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 e-mail 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/>

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

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