

2023-2024 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 Christopher Worswick, GDip Supervisor, at christopher.worswick@carleton.ca, and for questions of an administrative nature, please contact Renée Lortie, Graduate Administrator, at renee.lortie@carleton.ca.

Admission Information

The Graduate Diploma (GDip) in Economic Policy is 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 meets 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.

Experiential learning is a key part of this program through the implementation of applied research projects in the core course (*Economic Analysis of Public Policy*).

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. 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.

GDip 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

Course descriptions are listed in the Graduate Calendar.

<https://calendar.carleton.ca/grad/>

A candidate for a GDip must obtain a grade of (B-) or higher in each course taken in fulfillment of the program requirements.

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 of 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 renee.lortie@carleton.ca.

Course Selection

Please see below for a comprehensive list of relevant courses offered for the 2022-2023 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/graduate-offerings-2022-2023/>

2021-2022 Course Offerings

Fall 2022: ECON 5060 (Economic Analysis of Public Policy), ECON 5064 (Economic Policy Formulation and Evaluation) and ECON 5065 (Select Topics in Econ Policy).

Winter 2023: ECON 5060 (Economic Analysis of Public Policy), ECON 5061 (Central Banking: Theory, Practice and Recent Challenges) and ECON 5065 (Select Topics in Econ Policy).

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 Christopher Worswick) and permission from the relevant Program Supervisor and Graduate Administrator of the other academic unit. A comprehensive list of relevant courses is available here:

<https://carleton.ca/economics/courses/>.

Additional Information and Resources

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 2022-2023 graduate Calendar found here:

https://calendar.carleton.ca/grad/gradprograms/economics/#Graduate_Diploma_in_Economic_Policy

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

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 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, and you must 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.

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