GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN Economics

Our graduate programs in economics are among the best in the country.

The Department of Economics offers graduate programs designed to provide students with rigorous instruction while preparing them for fulfilling careers in a variety of sectors.

Our MA program is typically completed in 8 to 12 months and includes comprehensive instruction in microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, and econometrics, as well as electives in a wide range of applied fields. Students may also pursue a concentration in Financial Economics or a specialization in African Studies.

We also offer Canada’s only MA in Economics with a concentration in Data Science. Offered jointly with the Institute for Data Science, students in this selective program have the opportunity to incorporate topics like machine learning, artificial intelligence, and big data into their studies.

Ideally positioned in the National Capital Region, the MA Economics also offers an internship program, allowing students to gain real-life experience and develop a stronger professional network. Recent internship placements include Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Competition Bureau of Canada.

Our PhD program is offered collaboratively with the University of Ottawa via the Ottawa-Carleton Graduate School of Economics. Students receive advanced instruction in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics before taking courses in two of eight fields and writing a thesis.

The initial phase of the doctoral program is normally completed in two years of full-time study and comprises rigorous training in microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, and one of eight elective fields of specialization, as well as courses in econometrics and a second elective field of specialization. Once completed, this intensive preparation provides a solid foundation for carrying out research towards the writing of a thesis over the following two to three years.

Degrees Offered
MA, PhD

Career Options
Recent graduates of our programs have accepted positions at a number of different government agencies—including the Bank of Canada, the Canada Revenue Agency, Finance Canada, Industry Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada (formerly Human Resources and Skills Development Canada), Transport Canada, Statistics Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Competition Bureau—and at various private firms—including Amazon, Nesbitt Burns, Infometrica, and Shopify—and at universities—including Western, Ryerson, Saskatchewan.

Application Deadline
February 1 to be considered for fall admission and funding.
September 15 to be considered for winter MA admission and funding.

Admission Requirements
MASTER’S: A BA (Honours) degree (or equivalent) with a GPA of B+ or higher.
PhD: A master’s degree (or equivalent) with a GPA of A- or higher.

The Department of Economics houses the Centre for Monetary and Financial Economics and the Carleton Economics Laboratory for Behavioural and Experimental Research.

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